**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**1122. Mr T W R Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

 **With reference to the investigation into the refurbishment of the industrial parks located in the former homelands, which was initiated by the Department of Trade and Industry in 2015, in which her department participated, (a) what is the current status of the investigation, (b) what amount has been allocated to the refurbishments in the (i) 2016-17 and (ii) 2017-18 financial years;** NW1256E

(a) **the dti** worked in close collaboration with provincial agencies and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) in conducting the assessment. In implementing the recommendations of the assessment six industrial parks were prioritized for revitalization and these are namely Seshego Industrial Park, Botshabelo Industrial Park, Babelegi Industrial Park, Isithebe Industrial Park, Queendustria Industrial Park and Vulindlela Industrial Park.

(b) The total budget allocated by **the dti** for the refurbishment of the industrial parks for 2015/16 was **R 117 million** and (i) for 2016/17 is **R 70 million** and (ii) there is no indication on the budget allocation for 2017/18 financial year**.**

2. **Whether her department will ensure that provision is made in these parks for facilities for the incubation and support of small businesses; if so, what are the relevant details?** NW1256E

The revitalization Programme is categorized into the following phases:-

Phase 1: Security infrastructure upgrade, fencing, street lighting, top structures and critical electricity requirements

Phase 2: Engineering designs and construction of new and existing roads, bulk water supply and sewage treatment plants or industrial effluent control

Phase 3: Upgrading electricity infrastructure, and build new top structures in line with the expansion programme of the Parks.

Phase 4: Development of sustainable industrial clusters in the Parks.

Most of the work that is still being undertaken on the industrial parks is still in phase 1 and 2, and the plan of **the dti** is to develop sustainable industrial clusters in all the parks.