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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 1397(NW1545E)**

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Mr BR Topham (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:

Whether (a) her department and (b) all entities reporting to her are running development programmes for (i) small businesses and (ii) co-operatives; if not, why not; if so, in each case, (aa) what are the relevant details, (bb) what amount has been budgeted and (cc) how many jobs will be created through the specified development programmes in the 2016-17 financial year?

The reply to the question is as follows:

Quote:

1. The department does not run development programme as its constitutional mandate is outward focused in implementing foreign policy.
2. African Renaissance and International Cooperation Fund, does not run development programme, suffice to say that, in the disbursement of funds for approved projects with regard to Humanitarian Assistance, emphasise is made to procure goods locally, in supporting SMME and small scale farmers.

Unquote.