**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**1414. Mr S Mokgalapa (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

Whether (a) his department and (b) all entities reporting to him 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? NW1562E

**Response from the Department**

All programmes specifically targeting small enterprise development administered by **the dti** were transferred to the Department of Small Business Development in 2014. In carrying out its mandate to broaden economic participation, **the dti** encourages other businesses to do business with small business in the implementation of programmes such as the BBBEE codes of good practice, local procurement and export support.

**Response from the Entities**

**Only the four entities listed here under provide support to small business.**

| **Entity** | **b(i)** | **b(ii)** | **(aa)** | **(bb)** | **(cc)** |
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| **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC)** | The CIPC does not run any development programmes for small business | The CIPC does not run any development programmes for co-operatives | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| **Export Credit Insurance Corporation (ECIC)** | The ECIC does run development programmes for small business | The ECIC does not run any development programmes for co-operatives | ECIC is runing an enterprise and supplier development programme for its suppliers since 2014. The development offered was that of SME related training. | R14m | At this current stage the number of sustained jobs is 133 as reported by the SMEs. ECIC have no indication of how many jobs will be created in 2016/17 FY. It is however anticipated that as the SMEs grow they will create more jobs. |
| **National Empowerment Fund (NEF)** | The NEF does run development programmes for small business | The NEF does run development programmes for co-operatives | The NEF provide financial and non-financial support through its two funds namely iMbewu Fund (iMbewu) and Rural and Community Development Fund (RCDF) | iMbewu – R346m  RCDF – R150m | iMbewu – 2 700  RCDF – 1200 |
| **National Metrology Institute of South Africa (NMISA)** | The NMISA does run development programmes for small business | The NMISA does run development programmes for co-operatives | NMISA has a dedicated programme to assist SMEs to understand Technical Infrastructure issues in their organisations and to measure the level of impact quality infrastructure (QI) has on their specific business. A Measurement Toolkit is used to both train the SMEs in QI and to gauge the level of intervention needed. Focused intervention is then performed with specific SMEs (and Cooperatives). | R1,6m | NMISA has no mechanism to determine the number of jobs created through this activity. If internationally developed guidelines are used to convert investment in QI into job creation, the activity supports approximately 7 000 jobs. |
| **South African Bureau of Standards (SABS)** | The SABS does run development programmes for small business | The SABS does run development programmes for co-operatives | **Certification and Testing** - The SABS work with SME’s in the development and implementation of quality management system, testing of product and certification. | Funding is provided by the various provincial departments and agencies such as SEDA | Direct impact on jobs is estimated by funding agencies themselves |
| **Design and Innovation interventions** - The SABS Design Institute provides development and support to entrepreneurs and SMME using design thinking and methodologies to improve competitiveness. | Funding for these activities is also provided by various government agencies and departments. | Direct impact on jobs is estimated by funding agencies themselves |