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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly : 1414**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor **written reply** asked by **Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**



**Ms N Ngcwabe**

**DDG: Mining, Minerals and Energy Policy Development**

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**Ms P Gamede**

**Acting Director General: Department of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**Mr. S.G Mantashe**

**Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**1414. Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

What (a) is the position of his department regarding the recently released 2021 Annual Survey of Mining and Exploration Companies by the Fraser Institute, which, out of 84 jurisdictions that were assessed, ranks the Republic in the bottom 10 (details furnished) and (b) are the details of the plans that his department has put place to (i) counteract the results and (ii) improve the standing of the Republic? **NW1729E**

**Reply**

1. **The department has recently gazetted the Exploration Strategy to address this. There are logistical (rail and freight), regulatory (water and environmental licensing) and security challenges which fall outside the mandate of the DMRE.**
2. **Key areas have been identified in the Exploration Strategy that government and social partners will address to improve the country’s investment attractiveness in the next five years.**