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**1434. Mr D J Stubbe (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

Does his department have a Regulatory Burden Reduction strategy in place; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the strategy? NW1647E

**REPLY**

**No,**

The current Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) aptly identifies the need to consider the compliance burden and complexity of laws and regulations, and the need to improve consistency and remove unnecessary obstacles to business development. In this regard, capacity has been created in the Presidency to carry out thorough impact assessments of both new and existing legislation and regulations, in order to ensure alignment with the NDP and reduce the risk of unintended consequences.

Government will also streamline and improve the efficiency of regulatory processes, in areas such as building licences, environmental impact assessments, company registration, tax compliance, work permits for scarce skills, mining licences, water licences and access to municipal infrastructure services.

The regulatory burden reduction strategy cuts across a number of legislation/regulatory instruments that are not only administered within the DMR. Capacity for a comprehensive regulatory burden reduction strategy has resultantly been established at a central point in government and constitutes a requirement for the legislation development within government.