QUESTION NO.: 1169

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Mr M H Steele (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

Whether his department uses temporary employment services and/or labour brokers; if so, (a) why, (b) how many positions have been filled by temporary employment services in the (i) 2006-07, (ii) 2007-08 and (iii) 2008-09 financial years, (c) what percentage of the total staff complement did temporary employment services contribute in each of these years and (d) how much money has been spent on temporary employment services in each year? NW1504E

REPLY

The Economic Development Department has not made use of temporary employment services or labour brokers.

**QUESTION NO.: 1208**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 11 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Mr M H Steele (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

(1) Whether his Deputy Minister or his department purchased a new vehicle on the Deputy Minister's appointment to office; if so, (a) why, (b) what make and model is the vehicle, (c) what did the vehicle cost and (d)(i) what accessories were included in excess of the vehicle's purchase price and (ii) what was the cost of such accessories; if not,

(2) whether she inherited an existing vehicle; if so, (a) what was the make and model and (b) how old is the vehicle? **NW1547E**

**REPLY**

(1) The Deputy Minister has not purchased a new vehicle, she uses hired vehicles both in Pretoria and Cape Town.

(2) No. Economic Development is a new Ministry.

**QUESTION NO.: 1223**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 11 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

Whether a time-frame for the implementation of the State's response to the economic crisis has been formulated; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW1562E**

**REPLY**

The response package consists of a number of different components. Each of these has its own timeframes. Two processes are taking place in parallel: while priorities where programmes have been agreed are being implemented, discussions are taking place in expanding the list of programmes.

For the initial list of priorities announced in parliament on 20 August 2009, the following details are relevant:

(a) The training layoff: the scheme is being launched in pilot form during September 2009. The first applications have now been received and are being processed. Subject to the progress made in the pilot phase, it is expected to be fully operational by November 2009.

(b) The IDC R6b Fund: this has been implemented and a number of applications have been approved and details were provided to the National Assembly on 20 August 2009. The IDC continues to receive more applications and will consider these on a case by case basis during the remainder of 2009 and during 2010.

(c) Distressed sector interventions: the non-fiscal components of the programmes are in the process of being implemented and those components requiring budget allocations will be dealt with through the Adjustment process. Subject to the outcome of the Adjustment process, it is planned that most of the programmes agreed to date will be implemented during the next two months.

(d) Customs fraud: the identified action is being implemented and prosecutions have been initiated in a number of cases. Details of the state of the process were provided in the Statement to the National Assembly made on 20 August 2009.

(e) Competition investigations in the food supply chain: the investigations have all commenced and some prosecutions have been initiated. Each area of the supply chain is at a different stage of progress.

(f) Debt management: Engagements with the banks are continuing. Banks reported to Nedlac that they have started implementing various measures to assist consumers in distress and these reportedly include increasing bridging loans, debt rescheduling, debt factoring, converting debt into equity and interbank lending guarantees.

In addition, as new areas of the Framework are finalised, they will have their specific time-frames for implementation. Details of these will be supplied to Parliament.

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**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 11 SEPTEMBER 2009**

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(1) Whether his Deputy Minister or his department purchased a new vehicle on the Deputy Minister's appointment to office; if so, (a) why, (b) what make and model is the vehicle, (c) what did the vehicle cost and (d)(i) what accessories were included in excess of the vehicle's purchase price and (ii) what was the cost of such accessories; if not,

(2) whether she inherited an existing vehicle; if so, (a) what was the make and model and (b) how old is the vehicle? **NW1547E**

**REPLY**

(1) The Deputy Minister has not purchased a new vehicle, she uses hired vehicles both in Pretoria and Cape Town.

(2) No. Economic Development is a new Ministry.

**QUESTION NO.: 1271**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 11 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Mr P D Dexter (Cope) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

Since the start of the recession, how many jobs have been (a) lost and (b) created? **NW1618E**

**REPLY**

Statistics South Africa (StatsSA) figures are the basis of tracking employment in the economy. There are two surveys, namely the Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) and the Labour Force Survey (LFS). These surveys reflect net employment, i.e. the difference between new jobs created and jobs lost.

The LFS is a household-based sample survey of both formal and informal labour activities of individuals above the age of 15 whereas the QES is a survey of enterprises in the formal non-agricultural business sector.

The data does not allow for a separation of jobs created and lost by sector, but rather for net changes in employment by sector. Certain sectors would therefore reflect net job losses and others net job gains. The aggregate data in turn reflects the net figures for the economy as a whole. The data reveals that job losses have been widespread across the economy. However, the government's response to the crisis, in particular the impact on the construction sector of pressing ahead with much needed infrastructure investment has been acting to counter the employment losses from the recession, although not sufficiently to outweigh them.

Much depends on the dates over which employment figures are compared and which survey is used.

The contraction of the economy started in the fourth quarter of 2008. The most significant impact was felt during the first two quarters of 2009.

***Labour Force Survey***

The following are the key findings of the LFS since the beginning of the recession, that is, from the fourth quarter of 2008.

For the six month period since 1 January 2009 to end June 2009, the position is as follows. At end December 2008, total employment stood at 13 844 000. By the end of June 2009, total employment was 13 369 000 which indicates 475 000 net job losses over the six-month period.

At the end of the third quarter of 2008 on 30 September 2008, ie the date prior to the contraction of the economy as measured by quarterly GDP figures, total employment stood at 13 655 000. By the end of June 2009, total employment was 13 369 000 which indicates 286 000 net job losses over the nine-month period.

Compared for a 12 month period, the total employment at the end of June 2008 was 13 729 000 and at the end of June 2009, it was 13 369 000 which indicates 360 000 net job losses over the 12 month period.

***Quarterly Employment Survey***

The following are the key findings of the QES since the beginning of the recession, that is, from the fourth quarter of 2008.

For the six month period since 1 January 2009 to end June 2009, the position is as follows. At end December 2008, total employment (excluding agriculture and the informal economy) stood at 8 512 000. By the end of June 2009, the corresponding employment was 8 259 000 which indicates 253 000 net job losses (excluding agriculture and the informal economy) over the six-month period.

At the end of the third quarter of 2008 on 30 September 2008, ie the date prior to the contraction of the economy as measured by quarterly GDP figures, total employment (excluding agriculture and the informal economy) stood at 8 492 000. By the end of June 2009, the corresponding figure stood at 8 259 000 which indicates 233 000 net job losses (excluding agriculture and the informal economy) over the 12 month period.

Compared for a 12 month period, the total employment (excluding agriculture and the informal economy) at the end of June 2008 was 8 457 000 and at the end of June 2009, it was 8 259 000 which indicates 198 000 net job losses (excluding agriculture and the informal economy) over the period.

**QUESTION 141**

**141. Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

Whether there will be a future shift in investment by the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) and Independent Development Corporation (IDC) from equities to rural infrastructure listed companies; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**RESPONSE**

The question of investment guidelines that covers rural infrastructure, as well as other priorities identified in government's programme will be reviewed, and results made public once a decision has been taken.

**QUESTION NO.: 1461**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 25 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

(1) Whether he envisages that the amount made available for rescue packages to overcome the economic recession will be depleted within two years; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether additional funding will be made available; if not, why not; if so,

(3) whether any plans have been put in place to address the matter; if not, why not; if so, what plans? **NW1819E**

**REPLY**

It is envisage that funds will be fully utilised within the two year period. Initial indications from the IDC are that the IDC funding will be fully utilized. The IDC is monitoring the take-up on an ongoing basis. The Board of the IDC will then need to consider whether additional resources will be available. The take-up on the training lay-off will be monitored and subject to the take-up rate, the need for additional funding will be addressed. A committee drawn from the social partners and government will evaluate this on an on-going basis.

**QUESTION NO.: 1913**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 23 OCTOBER 2009**

**Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

(1) Whether (a) he, (b) his deputy minister, (c) any specified officials and (d) any other persons have been issued with a government or official credit card; if so, what are the relevant details for him, his deputy minister and each holder of a credit card in respect of the (i) name, (ii) job title, (iii) credit limit, (iv) outstanding amount as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (v) monthly expenses incurred for each month since receiving the credit card, (vi) reason for such persons being issued with a credit card and (vii) uses that such a credit card is intended for;

(2) whether any such credit cards are over their credit limit; if so, (a) whose credit cards are over the limit and (b) what is the reason for the credit cards exceeding the limit;

(3) whether any action has been taken against such persons for exceeding their credit card limits; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW2477E**

**REPLY**

No.

**QUESTION NO.: 2002**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 2 November 2009**

**Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

(1) What total amount in respect of advertising has his department and all specified entities reporting to it (a) budgeted for and (b) spent during the period 1 April 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;

(2) (a) what total number of advertisements for his department and each entity reporting to it (i) appeared in the print media and (ii) were broadcast on (aa) radio and (bb) television, (b) how much did each advertisement cost and (c) what was the purpose of each advertisement? **NW2654E**

**REPLY**

The Economic Development Department (EDD) has budgeted R600, 000 for advertising, mainly for recruitment and tender advertisements. No disbursements have been made and no advertisements have been placed.

**4 NOVEMBER 2009**

**QUESTION NO.: 242**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 27 OCTOBER 2009**

**Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

**(1) What is the nature of the broad-ranging economic policy changes (details furnished) that he intends to implement;**

**(2) whether he intends to propose any long-term changes to the exchange rate; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2560E**

**REPLY**

**The Honourable Member's question was prompted by a report that appeared on 22 October, in the local media. Let me start by noting that the media report was without factual basis and we have written to the media outlet concerned.**

**However, the broader question raised by the Honourable Member deserves a reply.**

**When the ruling party went to the electorate to seek a fresh mandate in the recent elections, its Manifesto set out a policy framework that contained 5 priorities. One of these relate to economic policy issues and decent work.**

**The President appointed a Cabinet and we adopted a Medium Term Strategic Framework that sets out the operational components of our economic programme.**

**So, Honourable Member, this does involve ensuring that we secure better employment outcomes principally through a more labour-absorbing growth path. This has been the theme of our public pronouncements.**

**I refer in this regard to the President's State of the Nation address on 3 June wherein he outlined government's economic priorities and the centrality of decent work – by which we refer to the need for more jobs and better jobs – to government's economic policies. Similarly, in a presentation I made to the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development on 19 June, these priorities and their linkages to an employment-absorbing growth path were elaborated upon. These sentiments were recently re-emphasised in the Honourable Minister of Finance's Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) speech delivered to the House just over a week ago. Similarly, my colleague, the Honourable Minister of Trade & Industry noted 2 days ago the need to place the economy on a new growth path.**

**The guiding principles in looking at economic policy include the following:**

**1. Policy adjustments will be evidence-led. We will look at the facts and we let that guide us;**

**2. Economic outcomes must lead to better development outcomes: in reducing income inequality, fighting poverty and addressing unemployment;**

**3. Policy changes will be considered and approved by Cabinet. No single Ministry makes policy – we do so as a team and we place the results of our work before the President and Cabinet for consideration;**

**4. We will seek as far as possible the views of our social partners, i.e.of the business community and organised labour, of civil society – because they have insights and a knowledge base in the real economy that can be of enormous benefit to policy-making and they will be partners in a common vision we need to forge;**

**5. We learn from the experiences of countries elsewhere- both in what works and what does not work, but we have the confidence to develop a growth path appropriate to South Africa.**

**In respect of the exchange rate, we have expressed our goal of achieving a competitive value to the Rand. Since January this year the Rand has strengthened by about 15.5% against the US Dollar. Against the Chinese Renminbi, it has strengthened by about 16%.**

**The impact of this is significant. The exchange rate is a key economic variable which impacts on competitiveness, employment, industrial development, trade flows and export performance. We have become about 15% more expensive in our exports, and imports are 15% cheaper from these two major trading partners.**

**Private sector representatives and trade unionists have met with my Ministry to convey their concerns of the impact of the Rand on their businesses and on workers. We agreed that there is value in a Policy Platform that we will convene with economists and social partners to dialogue further on this matter.**

**QUESTION NO.: 2344**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 20 NOVEMBER 2009**

**Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question 366 on 17 July 2009, he has purchased a new vehicle; if not, when will he purchase a new vehicle; if so, (i) why, (ii) what make and model is the vehicle, (iii) what did the vehicle cost and (iv) what (aa) accessories were included in excess of the vehicle's purchase price and (bb) was the cost of such accessories? **NW3057E**

**REPLY**

An order and the necessary documentation for the purchase of a Toyota Fortuner is in the process of being finalised. A supplementary reply will be furnished once the final quotation has been received from the supplier.

**QUESTION NO.: 275**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 27 OCTOBER 2009**

**Ms P Bhengu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

What is the extent and nature of his interaction with the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform? **NO2600E**

**REPLY**

The Economic Development Department (EDD) and the Department for Rural Development and Land Reform initiated a strong working relationship because of the significant connection between economic development and rural development.

To this end, the two Ministers together with senior officials have met and constituted a task team which is responsible for developing a joint work programme.

As a result, a Policy Platform was convened in September in Durban, Kwa Zulu-Natal. It considered the results of research on rural economic development in South Africa and policy insights from the international experience.

The Departments will work together on the formulation of a Rural Development Policy. It contains a number of specific proposals that will be considered.

**QUESTION NO.: 254**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 27 OCTOBER 2009**

**Mr S N Swart (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

(1) Whether his department has done an assessment of the impact of the proposed increase of 45% per annum over the following three years in the price of electricity on inflation and economic growth prospects; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? **NO2575E**

**REPLY**

Honourable Member, my Ministry is working closely with an Inter-Ministerial Committee that includes the Ministers of Finance, Energy and Public Enterprises, to consider the implications of the ESKOM application.

We are carefully considering three dimensions:

- first, the impact of different tariff increases on economic growth, employment, competitiveness and industrial performance, inflation and the impact on poor communities;

- second, the demand-management measures that can prudently be factored into the estimates of the country's energy needs;

- third, the need to ensure the resources for a programme to build additional energy-generating capacity, including different funding options that may be available.

The research as well as the work at interdepartmental level has not yet been concluded and thus any statement will be premature. The Minister of Finance will make a submission to the regulator by 9 November 2009 on behalf of government.

The decision on the tariff lies with the regulator. The challenge that the regulator will face in the months and years ahead is to find the optimum balance in the tariff structure that limits the negative social and economic impact and yet ensures the resources for an appropriate build-programme and the future energy-mix that provides for cleaner and renewable electricity-generation technologies.

**QUESTION NO.: 276**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 27 OCTOBER 2009**

**Mrs D R Tsotetsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

How many of the fifteen companies which receive financial support from the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) are owned by previously disadvantaged women and people with disabilities? **NO2601E**

**REPLY**

Since April to September 2009 the IDC has approved almost R 1 billion to 15 distressed firms from a dedicated facility that is in line with the Framework Agreement. These interventions are estimated to have saved over 3,000 direct jobs in six provinces.

Seven of these companies have black representation in ownership of between 20-100%; one has female representation of 8%. One company had shareholders which consist of a community trust and a workers' trust. Women form part of the beneficiaries of these trusts.

IDC support to enterprises owned by previously disadvantaged women and people with disabilities are also financed from other general and dedicated funds, details of which are as follows:-

The IDC advises that in the 2009 financial year, over 120 financing approvals (60% of IDC total) benefitted black empowered businesses. From April 2009, up to the end of September, the IDC had approved more than 70 transactions. Of these companies, 8 had more than 15% shareholding by black women.

As part of its commitment to assist entrepreneurial development, the IDC launched the Transformation and Entrepreneurship Scheme (TES) in the 2009 financial year. This R1 billion fund consists of the Women Entrepreneurial Fund (R400m), People with Disabilities Fund (R50m), Equity Contribution Fund (R150m), Development Fund (R250m – workers), and Community Fund (R150m). The purpose of establishing these funds is to increase access to finance to marginalised groups that still have difficulty in gaining access to capital in general and equity in particular.

**4 NOVEMBER 2009**

**QUESTION NO.: 279**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 27 OCTOBER 2009**

**Mr S B Huang (ANC) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

Whether, in light of the signs that the economy is recovering from the international economic crisis, his department is preparing to make use of the accompanying opportunities of such recovery; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? **NO2604E**

**REPLY**

Yes, the Department, working with other departments in government, is preparing to utilise the opportunity to prepare for economic recovery.

Recessions tend to weaken the productive base of economies. In the face of chronic demand shortages, firms have no incentive to invest in productive capacity and they tend to "scrap" existing capacity to meet whatever little demand exists. On the labour market front, the drop in aggregate demand leads to a drop in the demand for labour. The longer the recession runs, the greater the labour market damage: workers lose their productive capabilities and their skills and become discouraged from seeking jobs-the recession thereby creates a structural unemployment problem out of what was initially a cyclical problem.

The key interventions, details of which in respect of (a) to (d) were provided to the National Assembly on 28 August 2009, include:

(a) the training layoff scheme, intended to build skills during the period of industrial slack;

(b) support to distressed sectors and companies that are intended to address some of the structural problems of the companies concerned;

(c ) competition measures to address collusive practices in a number of sectors, in order to ensure that competition is enhanced, with the benefits that accrue in the long-term to the economy;

(d) addressing the problems of customs fraud that has eroded the market- share of legitimate manufacturers and retailers. The success of this effort will help to spur domestic economic activity;

(e) local procurement promotion to provide a long-term reorientation of

state procurement and provide the spur for private companies to invest in new capacity;

(f) local economic development initiatives to help generate strong growth and job creation.

**QUESTION: 366**

**366. Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

(1) Whether he purchased a new vehicle on his appointment to office; if so, (a) why, (b) what make and model is the vehicle, (c) what did the vehicle cost and (d)(i) what accessories were included in excess of the vehicle's purchase price and (ii) what was the cost of such accessories; if not,

(2) whether he inherited an existing vehicle; if so, (a) what was the make and model and (b) how old is the vehicle?

NW426E

**RESPONSE**

The Minister of Economic Development has not purchased a new vehicle on his appointment to office, nor did the Minister inherit an existing vehicle. For the period since his appointment to office, he has utilised vehicles made available through the Department of Transport, the Government Garage, car rental agencies and his private vehicle. The Minister requires the use of vehicles in the performance of his duties and any vehicle purchased will be done within the guidelines applicable to Members of Cabinet.

**QUESTION: 367**

**367. Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

(1) Whether a function was held by his department to celebrate his appointment as minister; if so, (a) how much did the function cost, (b) what is the breakdown of the cost and (c) how many guests attended the function;

(2) whether there were any related costs for the travel and accommodation of guests; if so, (a) what were the costs and (b) what was the breakdown of these costs? NW427E

**RESPONSE**

No.

**QUESTION: 516**

**516. Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

Whether any function was organised to mark the occasion of the delivery of his budget vote in 2009; if so, (a) what total amount was spent on this function, (b) from which budget was the money allocated, (c) what amount was spent on (i) food and refreshments, (ii) venue, (iii) entertainment, (iv) staff and (v) transport and (d) how many persons were invited to attend this function? NW579E

**RESPONSE**

Economic Development has not been allocated a budget vote as yet. The Minister of Economic Development addressed Parliament on the occasion of the dti's budget vote. The function organised to mark the occasion was arranged by the dti, and accordingly the Hon Dr. PJ Rabie is referred to the dti.

**QUESTION NO.: 1624  
  
DATE OF PUBLICATION: 9 OCTOBER 2009  
  
Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**(1). Whether his department developed and adopted a policy providing guidelines for the appointment of persons with a criminal record; if so, (a) when was the policy (i) developed and (ii) adopted and (b) where can a copy of the policy be obtained; if not,  
  
(2). whether his department has any plans in place to develop and adopt such a policy; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;  
  
(3). whether his department does any pre-employment screening of potential employees for criminal records; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;  
  
(4). whether any employees with criminal records are currently employed by his department; if so, (a) how many and (b) what is their (i) job level and (ii) occupational category? **NW2030E**  
 **REPLY**The Economic Development Department is a newly-created department and is in the process of developing staff guidelines. To date the Economic Development Department (EDD) has not developed nor adopted a written policy providing guidelines for the appointment of persons with a criminal record.   
  
EDD has no plans at this stage to develop and adopt such a policy. Once it is more fully established, the development and adoption of such a policy will be considered.  
  
At present, the dti assists EDD with the appointment of staff. The dti's human resources department verifies candidate's highest qualifications, confirms their South African citizenships, and checks that their criminal and credit records are clear.   
  
In terms of the verification reports received to date, no employees have criminal records.

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.: 1623**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 9 OCTOBER 2009**

Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

(1). Whether all (a)(i) offices and (ii) sites of his department and (b) entities reporting to him adhere to the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Act 85 of 1993; if not, (aa) why not, (bb) which facilities fail to adhere to the Act, (cc) where are they situated and (dd) what (aaa) aspects of the Act does each such facility not comply with and (bbb) action has been taken in each case; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2). (a) how often should each facility be inspected and (b) when last was each facility inspected? NW2029E

**REPLY**

The Economic Development Department is currently accommodated within the office complex of the dti in Pretoria and in the facilities of the dti in Cape Town. The dti takes responsibility for all regulatory compliance issues. The honourable member is referred to the dti's response to question 1606 regarding the above matter.

**QUESTION NO.: 1913**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 23 OCTOBER 2009**

**Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

(1) Whether (a) he, (b) his deputy minister, (c) any specified officials and (d) any other persons have been issued with a government or official credit card; if so, what are the relevant details for him, his deputy minister and each holder of a credit card in respect of the (i) name, (ii) job title, (iii) credit limit, (iv) outstanding amount as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (v) monthly expenses incurred for each month since receiving the credit card, (vi) reason for such persons being issued with a credit card and (vii) uses that such a credit card is intended for;

(2) whether any such credit cards are over their credit limit; if so, (a) whose credit cards are over the limit and (b) what is the reason for the credit cards exceeding the limit;

(3) whether any action has been taken against such persons for exceeding their credit card limits; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW2477E**

**REPLY**

No.

**QUESTION NO.: 2002**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 2 November 2009**

**Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

(1) What total amount in respect of advertising has his department and all specified entities reporting to it (a) budgeted for and (b) spent during the period 1 April 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;

(2) (a) what total number of advertisements for his department and each entity reporting to it (i) appeared in the print media and (ii) were broadcast on (aa) radio and (bb) television, (b) how much did each advertisement cost and (c) what was the purpose of each advertisement? **NW2654E**

**REPLY**

The Economic Development Department (EDD) has budgeted R600, 000 for advertising, mainly for recruitment and tender advertisements. No disbursements have been made and no advertisements have been placed.

QUESTION NO.: 2344

DATE OF PUBLICATION: 20 NOVEMBER 2009

Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question 366 on 17 July 2009, he has purchased a new vehicle; if not, when will he purchase a new vehicle; if so, (i) why, (ii) what make and model is the vehicle, (iii) what did the vehicle cost and (iv) what (aa) accessories were included in excess of the vehicle's purchase price and (bb) was the cost of such accessories? NW3057E

REPLY

An order and the necessary documentation for the purchase of a Toyota Fortuner is in the process of being finalised. A supplementary reply will be furnished once the final quotation has been received from the supplier.