**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**2142.** **Mr G G Hill-Lewis (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

Noting the circumstances around the resignation of the Chief Executive Officer of the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications, (a) how will he ensure that the current backlog in the processing of the applications for a Letter of Authority is dealt with as speedily as possible and (b) what is the time frame for handling the specified backlog? NW2460E

**Response:**

1. An Acting CEO; Advocate Edward Mamadisi, from the Legal Services section of **the dti,** has been appointed and commenced duties on Monday 17th October. Advocate Mamadisi will be supported by staff from within **the dti** and the process will be the subject of an oversight process led by the Group COO and the Deputy Director General; Industrial Development Division.
2. Based on a thorough assessment of the backlog of applications; existing capacity and operational constraints a target date for dealing with the backlog will be ascertained and communicated, if it is at variance with the date given to the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry.