**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**“2398. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

**What is the status of the appointment of the Board of the National Small Business Advisory Council?”**

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**REPLY:**

The National Small Business Advisory Body (The Council) is being established in terms of Section 2 of the National Small Business Amendment Act, 2003 (Act No. 26 of 2003) and the members of the Advisory Body are appointed by the Minister of Small Business Development in terms of Section 3(1) of the Act.

The Minister of Small Business Development invited nominations from the general public, small business organisations and interest groups in terms of Section 3(1) of the National Small Business Amendment Act to serve on the Advisory Body. From the nominations received, the Minister of Small Business Development is mandated to select amongst the list of nominees and appoint the members of the Small Business Advisory Body for a period of three years.

To date, the Panel approved by the Minister has finalised the process of shortlisting. All relevant documents and a shortlist of verified names by the DSBD Human Resource Directorate were submitted to the Minister for consideration of the appointment to the Council.