**2585. Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Labour:**

**Does she intend to set up a forum involving her department, the Department of Basic Education, the Department of Higher Education and Training and the business community to address (a) the skills shortages experienced throughout the country and (b) the alleged failure of the education system to produce a suitably skilled labour force?** **NW2960E**

**Minister of Labour response:**

I have no plans to set up a forum of the nature suggested by the Hon Member. Matters relating to supply of skilled labour in the country are dealt with in the National Skills Authority established in terms of the Skills Development Act and the Human Resources Development Council and chaired by the Deputy President.