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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 2742 [NW3257E]**

**2742. Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

(1) What has he found to be the impact of the boom in the (a) citrus industry and (b) agricultural industry in general, in terms of job creation in the Republic;

(2) whether the boom has made any dent in the unemployment figures; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant

details?

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**REPLY:**

1. The official unemployment has increased by 0.5 percentage points from June 2020 at 34.4% to September 2021 at 34.9%. It is recorded as the highest since 2008, as the first QLFS was conducted. It appears like there is no dent of boom in the unemployment figures, as illustrated over time in [**Figure 2 below.**](https://static.pmg.org.za/RNW2742-2021-12-26-2.pdf)