NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: FRIDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2021

“2781. Mr D F Mthenjane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:

Whether, with regard to the number of small-, medium- and micro enterprises (SMMEs) accessing procurement opportunities in government and corporates, and in light of the fact that the Small Enterprise Development Agency (Seda) reports that clients are reluctant to provide information on contracts and procurement opportunities so accessed, Seda has tried to establish why clients are reluctant to provide information on contracts and procurement opportunities; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what measures have been put in place for Seda to deal with this challenge? NW3299E

REPLY: I have been advised by the department as follows:

Clients associate disclosures of such information with tax information and obligations. They are never comfortable with disclosing information that may create an impression that they make a lot of money. The Small Enterprise Development Agency (Seda) has improved the Service-Level Agreements (SLAs) that Seda signs with clients when an intervention is awarded or provide support that Seda will pay for, to make it easier for the practitioners to get information for reporting.

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