**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

 **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**Question 2943**

**Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

1. (a) What is the total amount that has been allocated to the Harrismith Special Economic Zone in the Free State, (b) for what purpose was the amount allocated in each case and (c) what has been done to date in each case?NW3261E

**Response:**

The Special Economic Zones (SEZ) fund is intended to provide funding to Industrial Development Zones (IDZ) and SEZ Operators for infrastructure and business development activities that will contribute towards the accelerated growth of manufacturing and internationally traded services within the zones. This infrastructure is expected to leverage investment and encourage export-oriented growth of the value-added manufactured products.

The MAPSEZ (Maluti-A-Phofung SEZ) was approved funding for bulk infrastructure and access control facilities totalling R305 million of which R121 million has been disbursed for completed milestones. These include internal roads rehabilitation and repairs, perimeter and internal street lights installation, 3 access control gate-houses and 24km perimeter fencing. Work on the remaining bulk infrastructure has commenced, this include bulk water and sanitation, storm water and electricity transmission.