**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**2985. Mr G G Hill-Lewis (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

(1) What progress has been made in the (a) establishment of the Black Economic Empowerment Commission and (b) appointment of the relevant commissioner?

(2) whether he is considering the appointment of a certain person (name furnished) to the position of commissioner; if so, on what basis?NW3490E

**Reply:**

(1)(a) The process of establishing the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Commission is underway. The department has submitted to National Treasury the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) budget request for both financial and human resource capital.

(1)(b) The Minister of Trade and Industry, in terms of section 13C of the B-BBEE Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003), as amended by the B-BBEE Amendment Act 46 of 2013, has consulted with the relevant Portfolio Committee of the National Assembly and the relevant Select Committee of the National Council of Provinces regarding the appointment of the BEE Commissioner.

The Minister is pleased to announce that Ms Zodwa Ntuli has been appointed as the acting BEE Commissioner.