**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

 **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**3116. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

With reference to the agro-processing industry, (a) what discussions has he had with the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries regarding land capping on farms and (b) how will this affect (i) agro-processing and (ii) job creation? NW3657E

**Response**

1. The Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**) has a constitutional mandate to develop the agro-processing, sector with primary agricultural production the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF). Discussions regularly take place between the two departments and other stakeholders with respect to the supply and security of supplier of feed-stocks into agro-processing value-chains. To the best of the Departments knowledge no existing or future projected security supply concerns have been raised by stakeholders in this regard.
2. i and ii) Since the matter of ‘land capping’ is a constitutional mandate of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, member D W Macpherson should address his question to the appropriate Minister.