**QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY**

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

**“3282. Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

**With reference to her reply to question 2398 on 6 October 2017, regarding the appointment of members of the National Small Business Advisory Council and her reply to question 2569 on 6 October 2017, in which she states that nominations for these advertised positions closed on 3 September 2015, (a) why has she not made the appointments for a period of more than two years and (b) by which date does she expect to make the specified appointments?”**

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**REPLY:**

(a) The process of appointing members had its complications which amongst other things included delays in verifying criminal records, qualifications of some of the nominated members as they were out of the country for long periods. There was also a process undertaken to broaden the composition of candidates to include those with background and experience in Cooperatives Development.

(b) The final list of nominations has been concluded and it is expected that the appointments shall be made in the last quarter of 2017/18 including induction of members. The new members shall be inaugurated to the Advisory Council on the 1 April 2018.