**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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QUESTION 381 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: MS LV JAMES (DA):

PURCHASING FROM SMALL, MEDIUM AND MICRO – SIZED ENTERPRISES (SMMEs)

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**“381 Ms LV James (DA) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

1. **With reference to President Jacob Zuma’s undertaking in his State of the Nation Address delivered on 12 February 2015, that Government will set aside 30% of appropriate categories of state procurement for purchasing from Small, Medium and Micro – sized Enterprises (SMMEs), co operatives, as well as township and rural enterprises, what percentage of total procurement of (a) her department and (b) every entity reporting to her went to (i) SMMEs and (ii) co-operatives from 1 April 2015 up to the latest specified date for which information is available.**

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**REPLY:**

(a)(i) The Department procured 40.38% of goods and services from SMMEs, township and rural enterprises combined for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 January 2016.

(a)(i) The Department did not procure any goods or services from co operatives for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 January 2016.