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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**Minister**

**National Assembly question for written Reply no.: 4010**

Question by:

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**Reply drafted by: DDG: STEE**

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**Advocate MJ Maluleke**

Director-General

Date:

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**REPLY:**

* A National Task Team has been established and the following three departments are working in collaboration; Department of Women, Youth & Persons with Disabilities (DWYPD), Department of Small Business & Development (DSBD) and National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) for the sanitary dignity economic value chain program.
* The project seeks to explore entry points and opportunities for increased participation of Women, youth, & Persons with Disabilities (WYPD) in the Sanitary Dignity Program (SDP) value chains.
* The SDP Economic Value Chain is implemented in five sectors namely; Manufacturing, Procurement, Production, Distribution and Disposal.
* The Final report (Business Case) has now been produced.
* The next step is through DSBD is to ensure that the Business Case is to be costed with (NT) based on recommendations in the Business Case and to be ready for implementation in the 2022/23 Financial Year.

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**Approved by Minister**

**Ms M Nkoana-Mashabane, MP**

**Date:**