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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 427**

**[NW607E]**

**Dr M J Cardo (DA) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

What number of (a) small-, (b) medium- and (c) micro-enterprises (i) applied for and (ii) received exemptions from the extension of collective bargaining agreements in (aa) 2017, (bb) 2018 and (cc) 2019?

**Minister of Employment and Labour Reply:**

Honourable Dr MJ Cardo, the bargaining councils furnished the Registrar of Labour Relations with the aggregated figures of exemptions from SMMEs. They classify them all under small business.

* For 2017, bargaining councils with extended collective bargaining to non-parties received from SMMEs a total of 1388 exemption applications. 1266 were granted; 91 were refused; and 17 were either withdrawn or still under consideration by end of 2017.
* For 2018, bargaining councils received from SMMEs a total of 2764 exemption applications. 2588 were granted; 114 were refused; and 93 were either withdrawn or still under consideration by end of 2018.
* In 2019, bargaining councils received from SMMEs a total of 1712 exemption applications, 1464 were granted; 168 were refused; and 76 were either withdrawn or still under consideration by end of 2019