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**4443. Mr D F Mthenjane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Which steps of intervention has he taken towards the abolishment of all borders to promote free trade amongst African countries? NW5571E

**REPLY:**

The promotion of free trade amongst African countries does not require the abolishment of all borders but the continued implementation of regional and continental initiatives to manage the flow of goods.

The Department of Finance as the responsible Department can provide relevant information on the current initiatives to improve the facilitation of goods into and from South Africa to give effect to free trade amongst African countries.

The Border Management Agency is working closely with the South African Revenue Services to ensure the efficient facilitation of people and goods through our ports of entry.

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