**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**648. Mr T E Mulaudzi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

With reference to the Tshakuma Fruit Market, which has been operating without running water, sanitation and sheltered stalls for more than 15 years while providing opportunities to more than 100 small vendors in order to provide for their families, what is she doing to help the vendors at the specified market to trade in a conducive environment? NW763E

**REPLY:**

The department has been engaging with Makhado Municipality Local Economic Development (LED) Office regarding putting plans together to initiate improvements to put proper sheltered stalls and related infrastructure for Tshakhuma Fruit Market vendors. The Shared Economic Infrastructure Facility (SEIF) has been identified as an appropriate instrument to be used to support this project. SEIF is an incentive for infrastructure support for informal traders, it covers the funding of common infrastructure that is either new, upgrading or maintenance and shared by a number of businesses. To date the department has assisted the LED Office to package the application which is expected to be presented to the SEIF Adjudication Committee seating scheduled to take place on 29 March 2016.