**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**761. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

With reference to his undertaking in June 2015 to engage with the National Treasury to extend his department’s Manufacturing Competitiveness Enhancement Programme beyond its current 2017-18 deadline, (a) what progress has been made to date with the engagement with the National Treasury, (b) what are the details of the proposed extension of the specified programme, (c) what is the value of the proposed extension of the specified programme and (d) when will he make an announcement in this regard?NW879E

**Reply:**

The department continues to engage National Treasury on the Manufacturing Competitiveness Enhancement Programme (MCEP) with the purpose of extending it beyond 2017-18 and securing additional funds. The outcome of the negotiations with National Treasury will be communicated through the government budget process.