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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**8.Mr V Zungula (ATM) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

 Given the reports of persons illegally entering the Republic due to corruption at the border gates and a lack of physical border infrastructure in some areas, (a) what steps has he taken to ensure that the physical infrastructure of borders will be properly set up to prevent illegal entry into the Republic and (b) by what date does he envisage the process will be finalised? NW8E

**REPLY:**

1. The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure is currently responsible for Border infrastructure at Ports of Entry and along the borderline, however the Border Management Authority is putting plans to address Infrastructure challenges which impact on the processing of people and goods at Ports on Entry as part of its legal mandate.

The plans include the redevelop of six land Ports of Entry as One-Stop Border Posts (OSBP). It is intended that these infrastructural improvements will enable the secure and efficient processing of people and goods at Beit Bridge; Maseru Bridge; Ficksburg; Oshoek; Kopfontein and Lebombo Ports of Entry.

1. It is anticipated that the OSBPs will be operational by 2024.

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