**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

 **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**812. Mrs E N Ntlangwini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

**Are any microchips produced in the Republic; if so, (a) where are the microchips produced, (b) what is the value of microchips produced and (c) what number of people are employed in the production process? NW935E**

**RESPONSE:**

Microchips are produced mainly in Asia and the United States for the global market by companies such as Samsung, Intel and Taiwan Semiconductor manufacturing company. Due to economies of scale considerations, coupled with the quantum of investment required, the capability and the capacity to produce microchips anywhere else in the world is limited. There are therefore no microchips produced in the Republic.