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**NCOP QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER 15: ADVANCE NOTICE No: NW1083E**

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**876. Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

(1) Whether his department will offer any form of Covid-19 financial or other relief to small businesses; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

 (2) whether the Covid-19 financial or other relief will only be allocated to qualifying small businesses according to the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, Act 53 of 2003, as amended; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) on what statutory grounds and/or provisions does he or his department rely to allocate Covid-19 financial or other relief only to small businesses according to the specified Act and (b) what form of Covid-19 financial or other relief, if any, will be made available to other small businesses? NW1083E

REPLY:

1. Yes, the department will offer some form of relief/ assistance.

2. (a) The Covid 19 assistance will be allocated to qualifying businesses in line with the Small-Scale Mining Implementation Framework.

(b) All qualifying small scale mining companies will be assisted.

DDG: MPPP

**Date:**

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