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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

1. Whether her Office 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 she or her Office 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?         NW1095E

**REPLY**

1. No, the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities will not offer any form of Covid-19 financial or other relief to small businesses, as this is not the Department’s mandate.
2. The Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities does not have a financial allocation within its budget to offer financial relief to SMME’s.