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1. † Indicates translated version of the question.
2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.
3. ■ Indicates a written question transferred for oral reply in terms of **Rule 231**.

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY****TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2025****SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT***Department's strategic role***★284. Mr M G Modise (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

What is her department's strategic role in providing support and capacity for local government as the catalyst for local economic development and transformation? CO1496E

*Proposed BEE levy***★270. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

In light of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition's proposed 3% Black Economic Empowerment levy on unlisted businesses that business leaders warn will cripple small enterprises (details furnished), (a) why her department has not taken a firm public stance against such anti-small, medium and micro enterprise policies and (b) what specific actions are in place to ensure that national regulation supports, rather than strangles small enterprises? CO1482E

*Integrated policy on co-operatives***★286. Mr S P Mabilo (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

Whether any integrated departmental policy on co-operatives to leverage mass empowerment of women and youth is in place; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO1498E

*Funding time frames***★279. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

(a) What time frames are in place to disburse funds in any of her department's projects from the time the application is received to the time the financial assistance is given out to clients and (b) what are the further relevant details in this regard? CO1491E

*Establishment of Co-operatives Tribunal***★276. Mr H J Van Den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the creation of Co-operatives Tribunal for the regulation of cooperatives in South Africa in accordance with the Co-operatives Act, 2005 (Act No. 14 of 2005), which came into effect on 1 April 2019 and specifically provides for its establishment, composition, legal status and functions, any tribunal members and/or board members have been appointed; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many legal experts it includes, (b) what is the relevant experience of such members and (c) how many (i) disputes, (ii) complaints and (iii) judicial management of cooperatives it has handled;
- (2) whether the said tribunal (a) is operational and/or (b) has handled any of the said incidents; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO1488E

*Women/youth in small business***★287. Ms M Dhlamini (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

Whether she will provide any highlights of key success stories of women and youth in small business that are supported by her department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO1499E

**TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION***US tariff hikes on critical exports***★280. Ms M B Ndlangisa-Nodada (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Whether any impact assessments of the United States tariff hikes on critical South African exports have been conducted; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO1492E

*BBBEE levy***★268. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

How he justifies imposing what is essentially a new tax on already struggling firms under the guise of transformation, given that (a) his department's proposed voluntary 3% Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment levy on unlisted businesses to fund the Presidential Transformation Fund is not voluntary and (b) a company's BEE status will effectively depend on it paying the levy? CO1480E

*Alleged corruption at National Lottery Commission***★283. Ms M Dhlamini (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What progress have been made on the Special Investigating Unit investigations regarding the alleged corruption at the National Lottery Commission? CO1489E

*Agro-processing Master Plan***★277. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What are some of the challenges he has encountered in executing the implementation of the Agro-processing Master Plan in the poultry sector? CO1489E

*Transformation of economy***★274. Ms S M Mokoena (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

With reference to the stagnation of industrial sector and public funds being wasted on failed projects that lacked proper planning or risk assessment (details furnished), (a) how such catastrophic mismanagement is justified and (b) what concrete steps have been taken to transform the economy rather than offering hollow speeches while jobs disappear? CO1486E

*Black Industrialist Programme***★281. Mr S P Mabilo (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (1) Whether he will highlight any key success stories of the Black Industrialist Programme since it was launched; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is the relationship between the recently launched Transformation Fund and Black Industrialist Programme? CO1493E

***Question transferred from written to oral reply in terms of Rule 231:****SEZs in Gauteng***■20. Ms N S Du Plessis (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition: [Written Question No 1173]**

Whether he will provide a detailed cost/benefit analysis of the R4.3 billion worth of incentives that have been accrued to the two designated Special Economic Zones (SEZ) in Gauteng, including the initial Annual Performance Plans at the planning phase and the exact and

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detailed outcomes that have grown the economy in the areas surrounding the SEZ and in Gauteng; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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