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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY TO BE TABLED BY MEMBER N SHARIF OF THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA).

5. ECD 052. With regards to the Township Economic Development Bill, could the MEC please explain:

Madam Speaker

I refer to the above and enclose hereunder my response(s) thereto:

QUESTION 1: What are the reasons for amending the Township Economic Development Act;

ANSWER: On 11 April 2022, Premier David Makhura, assented to and signed the Gauteng Township Economic Development Act, 2022 (Act No. 2 of 2022) (the "Act"), into law and it was accordingly published in the provincial *Gazette* Extraordinary on 26 May 2022. However, several shortcomings that did not fully align with government policy were identified in the Act, thereby delaying its implementation. The Gauteng Township Economic Development Amendment Bill, 2023 (the "Amendment Bill") seeks to comprehensively address these shortcomings and stimulate economic growth in the townships of Gauteng. It includes clearer definitions and a broader scope to support the growth of township enterprises.

The Amendment Bill also enhances legislative provisions to identify appropriate options to streamline licencing processes, establish a register of township-based enterprises, provide for the regulation making powers of the MEC responsible for economic development, promote collaboration between organs of state, introduce provisions for annual reports, funding, development of township-based enterprises and address the availability of immovable property within designated township enterprise zones. The Amendment Bill also seeks to address the constraints identified in the Gauteng Township Economic Policy which was approved by the Executive Council on 5 February 2020.

QUESTION 2: How much has been spent on public participation for this Bill;

ANSWER: The Department did not spend any monies in the process of public participation. Following the publication of the Bill on the Provincial *Gazette* in May 2025, the approved document was made available to the department to distribute to various stakeholders for comments and inputs.

QUESTION 3: Did you use consultants;

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION 4: If yes, please state the amount in rands and cents;

ANSWER: No cost was incurred in the process of public participation

QUESTION 5: Can the MEC explain what the process of amending the TEDA, please include from inception of the amendment, current process and upcoming process; and

ANSWER: The steps undertaken are aligned with the path to legislation issued by the office of the state law advisory service in the OOP and they are as follows:

1. Draft Bill finalised.
2. Bill Pre Certified by Law Advisors.
3. Pre certified Draft Bill submitted to EXCO for approval to commence public participation.
4. Submission to Government Printing Works for Public Participation for a period of 30 days.
5. Internal decision taken to extend public participation to 31 July 2025.
6. Whereafter the comments will be considered for incorporation into the bill where necessary.
7. Submission to State Laws Advisors for approval certification ahead of introduction to the legislature.

QUESTION 6 What is the future plan?


ANSWER: The Amendment Bill is meant, in part, to enable the transition of township economic activity that is largely informal in nature, to formal economy pathways through structured enterprise and supplier development across key focus areas to facilitate, stimulate and co-create job opportunities.

These job opportunities are framed within the township context through accelerated enterprise supplier development and product-led development, as well as those created through the following interventions:

- a) township-based Installation, Repair and Maintenance (IRM) contractors gaining market access and providing work experience for IRM technicians;
- b) the Township Retail Programme;
- c) township fibre roll-out;
- d) Sector and industry programme interventions;
- e) Identification and provision of infrastructure; and
- f) Investment and soliciting funding models.

The implementation of the Amendment Bill will be in conducted in conjunction with the implementation of the Act, supplementing the existing capacity of the Gauteng Department of Economic Development in collaboration with national and local government structures.

Yours sincerely



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