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Mr L S Ngonyama (Cope) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether his department will introduce amendments to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, Act 5 of 2000, to enable firms to earn points in the tender process for procuring locally; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

The current Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act and its associated Regulations provide for the allocation of preference points to suppliers of locally produced goods and services. However, concerns have been raised by certain stakeholders that these provisions may have been inadequate.

To this end and as part of the broad review of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act and its Regulations consideration is being given to the best way of enhancing the promotion of local production and value for money.

The National Treasury, the Trade and Industry and the Economic Development Departments have established a working group that is currently involved in consultations and discussions with relevant stakeholders on matters relating to the revised draft Regulations of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act. This process is still being finalized.