

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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1215. Mr M M Mdluli (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether he will furnish Mr M M Mdluli with a copy and/or details of the review of the SA Customs Union agreement, after negotiations in April 2018; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1491E

REPLY

The 2002 SA Custom Union Agreement has not undergone a review since the 2018 negotiations when Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, and Namibia (BELN countries) reaffirmed a 2011 SACU Council decision designating South Africa as the long-term manager of the Common Revenue Pool. There are currently no discussions amongst the Union Member States to review the existing 2002 SACU Agreement.

SACU is presently engaged in key strategic areas of its work programme to achieve economic reforms that will lead to a highly industrialized region. In line with the adopted 2022 SACU Strategic Plan and the provisions of the 2002 SACU Agreement, the Member States are focusing on the implementation of areas of convergence like industrialization, trade facilitation, investment and export promotion, and logistics.