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QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY

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Mr DT George (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether any progress has been made with the implementation of the proposed youth wage subsidy; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

The youth employment subsidy discussion paper, entitled "Confronting youth unemployment: policy options for South Africa", was released on Budget day.

The discussion paper proposed that the youth employment subsidy be implemented from 1. April 2012 following a process of consultation that included

- Discussions within the Economic Sectors and Employment Cluster of the youth employment subsidy as part of the multi-pronged strategy to tackle youth unemployment
- Initiation of discussions on the youth employment subsidy and other proposals through the Nedlac process to gather further inputs from social partners
- Final proposals made to Cabinet

Discussions have taken place within the Economic Sectors and Employment Cluster and consultation with social partners began at Nedlac on 10. May 2011. These discussions are on-going and alongside the public comments received on the discussion paper will inform a revised document.