

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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1780. Mr T D Harris (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether, with regard to the National Treasury's intention to table legislation to introduce a youth employment tax incentive (details furnished), the proposed Bill will be subjected to consideration by the National Economic Development and Labour Council (Nedlac); if so, how does he intend to gain the support of all constituencies at Nedlac as per the requirement set out in commitment number six in the Youth Employment Accord?

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REPLY:

The Employment Tax Incentive Bill will be a money bill, and its process for consideration is governed by the Money Bills Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act No 9 of 2009. Any further consultation processes will be finalized once the Bill has been approved by Cabinet.

The discussion paper *"Confronting youth unemployment: Policy options for South Africa"* which was published in February 2011, has already been discussed at Nedlac, and government has taken into account all comments received when finalising the Bill.

The Youth Employment Accord commits all constituents to do what is within their power to address the problem of youth unemployment, and also provides scope to learn from the results of what we do. This is precisely what government intends to do with the Bill. I expect broad support for the Bill from the signatories of the accord, as they have all committed themselves towards addressing the plight of the unemployed youth. To the extent that there may be any stakeholder who may have reservations on the Bill, government will engage with them in a constructive manner.