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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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915. Ms D Carter (Cope) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the Jobs Fund is (a) creating long-term sustainable jobs, (b) assisting retrenched workers with requisite skills to become self-employed and (c) providing those persons who are being assisted with new levels of certifiable skills; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (a) The jobs that the Jobs Fund is creating are long-term sustainable jobs. To date the Fund has processed 4222 applications; approved 93 applications of which 57 are currently in implementation. These projects have created 17 357 new permanent jobs, 8 730 short-term jobs and 51 878 individuals have received work readiness training.
- (b) The Jobs Fund is run on challenge fund principles and it considers applications from the private, public and NGO sectors. The Fund has not received any competitive applications that specifically make provision for the training of retrenched workers; however, where the Fund has supported projects that have a training component a critical criterion for the Jobs Fund is that the project must also make provision for job placements.
- (c) The training provided by projects is primarily driven by employer demand for specific skills. Where appropriate the training provided is accredited.