

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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132. Mr O S Terblanche (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether any plans are in place to renegotiate the SA Customs Union's agreement with our immediate neighbouring countries; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

SACU Ministers and Heads of State and Government agreed to a SACU Ministerial Retreat, to resolve the deadlock and realign SACU with the common vision of driving regional integration and regional industrialisation. It is anticipated that the Retreat will deliver specific recommendations on the way forward on SACU to be presented to the Heads of State and Government at the SACU Summit in June 2016.

The above process might result in the need to examine the alignment of the agreement with present circumstances.