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★241. Ms D G Mahlangu (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What successes are achieved in revitalising government-owned industrial parks in the townships as he announced in his 2018 Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement (details furnished)?

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REPLY:

By the end of the second quarter for 2019/20, 12 industrial parks had been revitalised and R511 million worth of investment has been attracted into the industrial parks. During the construction works of Phase 1 a total of 1 166 short term job opportunities were created. These were made up of 5 persons with disability; 662 youth males and females, 313 male adults and 186 females. All these are localised jobs within the respective regions where the Industrial Parks are located.

The Industrial Park revitalisation Programme also ensured that 65 000 cumulative, job opportunities were retained in rural and township areas, as businesses in the parks expressed confidence to retain their operations in the parks. IP management agencies also report that since the implementation of Phase 1, cases of theft and vandalism decreased.