Question 915

Mr L B Labuschagne (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

Whether the Government is studying examples of dual youth labour markets in comparable developing economies; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

Response:

The Department of Labour is currently considering a number of initiatives to improve young peoples’ access to the labour market. These initiatives will be discussed at NEDLAC with our social partners.

The dti has recently established a Youth Directorate tasked with the responsibility of promoting youth economic empowerment in South Africa. The directorate, amongst other things, is currently finalizing a framework for promoting and supporting economic empowerment of young people in the country, focusing on youth-owned enterprises, youth entrepreneurship and employment creation.

International comparator studies will strengthen youth economic policy and the dti intends collaborating with the Department of Labour in this regard.