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Al Jama-h welcomes government's funding to uninsured businesses destroyed in unrest

The Al Jama-ah party welcomes government's R3.2 billion funding to small businesses that are not covered by SASRIA. The funding will be channelled through the Small Business Development Department (SBD) and Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTI) to help with the re-building of businesses destroyed during the recent unrest.

The two departments will be responsible to come up with a strategy for assessing applications and to disburse the funding to the correct recipients.

Furthermore, the SBD will support SMMEs with working capital which include money for raw materials, stock, etc. The financial support will be blended in the form of a 60% grant and a 40% loan says Hon Ganief Hendricks a member of the Portfolio Committee on SBD. Hendricks is also assisting with an investigative report to provide further assistance to the affected businesses.

The party also welcomes the Department of Labour's Unemployment Insurance Fund and Job losses support to those who have lost their jobs during the unrest.

SMME owners can as from 02 August 2021 go to the nearest Small Enterprise Development Agency (Seda) to apply for assistance or email: BRP@sefa.org.za or to contact AL Jama-ah's National Parliamentary Constituency office for more details.

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