

**Question No: 70**

**Question: Employment of Trade Development Zone Personnel**

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**Member: Mr BAILEY**

**To: MINISTER for INDUSTRIES and DEVELOPMENT**

1. What enterprises were to be established in the Trade Development Zone to achieve the claim made by the then Minister for Industries and Development in September 1990 that 920 would be employed in the zone 'within the next 12 months'.
2. Is the current employment level lower than 920; if so, what is the reason for the difference between the achieved employment level and that predicated last year by the then minister.
3. Is it still predicted that the Trade Development Zone will achieve an employment level of 920 people; if so, when is this expected to be fulfilled.

**ANSWER**

1. In September 1990 the industries that were expected to be established in the Trade Development Zone within 12 months included a large textile operation proposed by SZ Group (Australia) Pty Ltd, one textile and one other manufacturing operation proposed by the Polyleader Development Limited (PDL) Consortium of Hong Kong, plus a latex rubber glove factory for Colmus Pty Ltd.

The successful establishment of these companies was expected to provide additional employment in the zone bringing the total employed to 920.

2. The current employment level is much lower than 920, principally due to the failure of the companies listed in answer 1 to successfully establish in the zone.
3. The volatile nature of international markets, of financing and other commercial considerations make it difficult to provide accurate predictions of growth patterns in the medium to long term.

However, the Trade Development Zone is continuing to grow and has the potential to eventually exceed an employment level of 920. Already in 1991, Frances Bay Computer Corporation and Emertung Coatings have established in the zone, creating additional jobs. Negotiations are proceeding with other probably entrants to the zone.