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WRITTEN REPLY

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION 42

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Mr J J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

In terms of the provisions of the Public Administration Management Act, 2014 (Act No. 11 of 2014), (a) how many employees of his department have been found to have been directors and/or members of private companies that are doing business with the State from 1 February 2017 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) what is the value of the business by companies with state employees as directors and/or members? CW42E

Reply:

The Directors-General of both the Department of Trade and Industry and Economic Development Department have advised as follows:

Economic Development Department

No employee of the Economic Development Department has been found to be a director and/or member of a private company that conducted business with the state from 1 February 2017 to date. One Intern was flagged as being a director in a family-owned company that was doing business with a government entity at a cost of R2 340.

Trade and Industry

In the 2017/2018 financial year: two officials were found to be involved, in transactions totaling R94 990.

In the 2018/2019 financial year: four officials were flagged as Directors of Members of companies that were doing business with the state, in transactions totaling R 2 673 856.

Investigations took place where some officials claimed that companies had not been functional, others had resigned from the companies, one official was out of the country when the regulation was passed and claims not to have been aware of the regulation. In other cases, official warnings were issued and officials resigned from the directorship of those businesses.

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