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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY

QUESTION NO. 606

DATE OF ORAL REPLY: 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

Mr M J Cuthbert (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What total amount has the National Lotteries Commission spent on (a) lawyers and consultants' fees to seek legal advice and opinions against the media, politicians and/or political parties and staff members and (b) litigation from 1 April 2020 to date?
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Reply

The NLC has furnished me with details of specific cases for which spending was incurred. The information appears to be incomplete.

I have requested the acting Commissioner to provide me with details of legal and consultants costs incurred (including legal opinions solicited, consultations on all matters relating to advice and costs of litigation as well as drafting of any letters on behalf of the Commission, the Commissioner, staff members and Board members) to cover inter alia matters relating directly or indirectly to the Ministry, any media house or journalist and any parliamentarian.

In addition, the cost breakdown should include legal and consultant costs incurred in relation to staff matters (including a breakdown of information iro the position of the COO and any staff member suspended or dismissed by the NLC).

The period of information requested is 1 April 2019 to date.

I will provide a supplementary reply when the information is available.

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