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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 575

Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Whether any (a) performance bonuses and (b) salary increases were awarded to the Chief Executive Officer of the National Gambling Board (NGB), who is also the Chief Strategic Advisor of the NGB, in any of the past ten financial years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) what was the total amount awarded, (ii) in what financial year was the bonus and/or salary increase awarded, (iii) who approved the bonus and/or salary increase and (iv) upon what criteria was the bonus and/or salary increase awarded? NW678E

REPLY:

The Department has commenced an investigation into matters relating to the National Gambling Board, initially focused on the procurement of the building. A forensic investigating company has been appointed in this regard.

A further briefing by the Department relating to remuneration and authorization for overseas travel has raised governance questions relating to these matters. This will now be included in the forensic investigation.

The Department is also considering what appropriate immediate steps should be taken in addition to the above.

Once the investigation is complete, the necessary actions will be taken where warranted, and a report will be submitted to Parliament.

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