

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 695

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

What (a) is the total amount that the National Lotteries Commission paid in legal expenses to outside service providers (i) in the (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19 and (iv) 2019-20 financial years, (b) is the budget forecast for the 2020-21 financial year and (c) is the (i) breakdown of law firms that were used and (ii) total amount that was paid to each of law firm? NW813E

REPLY:

I have been furnished with a reply to the question submitted, by Ms Thabang Mampane, Commissioner of the National Lotteries Commission. I have requested the NLC provides a breakdown of the legal matters dealt with by the Commission and the total sum expanded on each specific legal matter, together with details of the law firm appointed.

Ms Mampane's reply is as follows:

(a) "The National Lotteries Commission is required to fulfil its mandate and ensure that the Commission performs its functions efficiently and effectively in compliance with this Act and any other applicable law. The budget spend over the past three financial years to ensure that the NLC provides guidance and support the Board applying the principles of openness and transparency, to advise the Minister on the efficacy of legislation pertaining to lotteries and ancillary matters, exercises its power to institute legal proceedings in order to properly discharge its functions and responsibilities, approach any court for any order the Board deems appropriate for effective regulation and enforcement of the Lotteries Act is detailed below. The rapid increase of the Legal and Investigations budget over the past three years is attributed to independent investigations as a result of increased media exposure and enforcement of the Third National Lotteries License, pursuant to ensuring that the National Lottery and Sport Pools are conducted with all due propriety and strictly in accordance with the Constitution, the Act, all other applicable law."

FINANCIAL YEAR		LEGAL AND INVESTIGATIONS EXPENDITURE
I.	2016-17	R13 397 783.00
II.	2017-18	R11 382 274.00
III.	2018-19	R20 622 898.00
IV.	2019-20	R30 544 437.00

(b) "The Legal and investigations budget was reviewed to take into account Special Investigations Unit underway as well as the SkX Investigation commissioned by the NLC Board."

FINANCIAL YEAR	LEGAL AND INVESTIGATIONS EXPENDITURE
2020-21	R36 500 000.00

(c) "The following provides a total amount spent for law firms over the past four financial years, services procured in line with Public Finance Management Act prescripts."

(i) Law Firms (Supplier Name)	(II) Total Amount Paid
Adams & Adams	R90,608.34
C Ngubane & Associates	R497,815.96
Circle Chambers Advocates	R864,655.38
Cowan Harper-Madikisela Attorneys	R857,360.26
Dabishi Nthambeleni Attorneys	R426,682.00
Denga Incorporated	R318,842.50
Diale Mogashoa Attorneys	R5,072,148.22
Gildemhuys Lessing Malatjie Inc	R2,317,053.99
Hammod Pole Attorneys	R1,631.36
Hogan Lovells	R2,689,296.40
Lawtons Africa	R2,438,352.70
Loliwe Attorneys	R278,797.02
Mafuyeka & Associates Inc	R448,500.00

(i) Law Firms (Supplier Name)	(II) Total Amount Paid
Malatjie Kanyane Inc	R3,506,566.82
Malebye Motaung Mthembu Inc	R5,464,245.55
Manong Pilane Mokotedi Inc	R2,136,972.66
Maphosa Attorneys	R82,130.70
Mfenyane Attorneys	R119,503.50
ML Mateme Inc	R11,156,978.60
Moche Attorneys Inc	R3,121,699.23
Morare Thobenjane Incorporated	R4,972,993.38
Ndobela Lamola Inc	R19,036,324.49
Ngeno & Mteto Incorporated	R630,816.16
Nozuko Nxusani Inc	R133,405.56
NUPSAW	R247,337.01
Pabasa Adv Hor Modisa SC	R296,081.88
Padi Inc	R591,032.57
Poswa Inc	R535,353.24
Ramulifholnc Attorneys	R5,402,346.11
Raphela Incorporated	R550,039.89
Raphesu JL Attorneys	R816,816.00
Rooth and Wessels	R93,490.70
Rooth and Wessels	R253,135.81
Sekela Xabiso	R87,998.40
Sheriff Pretoria East	R118,916.33
Spoor and Fisher	R209,257.62
Voyi Ndumiso	R82,205.78

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