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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 89

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

In the absence of negative reports regarding the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) at the office of the National Lotteries Commission of South Africa, what are the reasons for the reduced amount of R6 million to SASCOC for the (a) Tokyo Olympics and (b) Paralympics games? [NW93E]

REPLY

I have forwarded the question to the NLC and received an initial and subsequently amended reply, which does not in my view, answer the question posed nor does it advise why a reason is not supplied. The reply provided by the NLC is attached as an Annex hereto.

The application was for a sum of R106 517 000 for the South African Olympic team to partake in the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympic Games and as the reply indicates, a sum of R6 650 000 was approved. The NLC indicated that the amount was for medical assistance costs, traveling costs including accommodation and costs for apparel. The reply does not indicate the reasons for the approved sum being different to the sum that was applied for.

I have requested the NLC to provide such information and will submit same as a supplementary reply.

Annex



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Dear Mr E Patel

SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION PQ 89

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

What (a) period has a certain person (name and details furnished) not been at work while drawing a salary, (b) are the reasons provided by the person for not being at work and (c) amount has the person earned during the specified period? W332E

Response from the National Lotteries Commission:

The National Lotteries Commission is required to fulfil its mandate and ensure that the Commission performs its functions efficiently and effectively as well as manage staff, and its financial, administrative, and clerical functions in compliance with the Lotteries Act 57 of 1997, as amended and any other applicable law.

The grant was awarded as contemplated in the "Direction for the Distribution Agencies in Determining Distribution of Funds from the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund" Regulations which state that a distribution agency may make a grant with or with conditions or decline to make a grant having regard to requirements for allocation of funds for sport and recreation.

To this end, the NLC received an application for funding from SASCOC on 22 February 2021 for an amount of R106 517 017.00 and was subsequently allocated funding amounting to R6 650 000.00 for delivery of the South African Olympic team to Tokyo Olympics and Paralympic Games on 21 March 2021.





The allocated items pursuant to the delivery of South African Olympic team comprised of the following items:

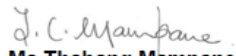
- Medical assistance costs
- Traveling costs including accommodation
- Costs for apparel

The NLC may at any time takes steps to verify the applicant's information and operations of the organisation which has applied or received a grant including conducting site visits.

The Minister is hereby notified that information is submitted in haste due to constricted turnaround times and that the Commission reserves the right to expand upon submissions if any further clarification may be required.

The Commission remains committed to upholding principles of accountability and transparency as well as accurate and credible reporting.

I trust you find the above in order.


Ms Thabang Mampane
Commissioner - National Lotteries Commission



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