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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

- (1) Whether he has found that the new integrated information communication technology management system of the National Lotteries Commission is now complete and operating optimally; if not,
- (2) whether the old and new systems are still running in parallel; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what (a) is the cost to date for the development of the new system and (b) amount will it cost to finish if it is incomplete;
- (4) what has he found are the reasons that a choice was made to build a new system rather than upgrade the old one since both the old and new systems are on the Oracle Platform;
- (5) where was the chief developer based when the upgrade began? [NW102E]

REPLY

In response to (1) and (4), I draw to the Honourable Member's attention that responsibilities for matters related therein lies with the accounting authority of entities in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, Act No. 1 of 1999. The Department does not therefore address these matters for entities. The NLC has provided their view to these two questions and these can be supplied to the Member on request.

In response to (2), (3) and (5), the Commissioner of the National Lotteries Commission (NLC), Ms Thabang Mampane has furnished me with the following reply:

- (2) “Since inception the NLC used a Grant Management System (GMS) Oracle Forms used to capture, assess, and adjudicate grant funding applications. To this end, GMS has been retired and used for closing off outstanding progress reports as a reference tool. The Oracle Fusion Release 9.2 ERP is a fully integrated system therefore not running parallel to GMS. It is worth noting that running of parallel systems is part of managing risk as per COBIT 2019 (APO 12) to ensure business continuity with a system development life cycle methodology. “
- (3) “Deployment of the ERP system has cost R110 million to date, cost, which include Licenses as well as Project including Lifecycle: Design, Migration, User Testing and Acceptance, Technical Managed Service and Functional Support.”
- (5) “The project was implemented by Oracle South Africa and their local appointed partners.”

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