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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WRITTEN REPLY

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 2217

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

- (1) What is the total number of persons who are employed in his Private Office;
- (2) whether the number of employees in his Private Office is in line with the prescriptions in the Guide for Members of the Executive which allows for 10 individuals to be employed in his office; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what are the reasons that his department persisted with the role of group chief operations officer (GCOO) despite the former Minister of Public Service and Administration, Ms A Dlodlo, advising that the position was not supported by the organisational design in 2018 (details furnished)? NW2786E

REPLY

- (1)& (2) The Guide for Members of the Executive provides for (1) Staff establishment for the Office of a Member (Private Office); (2) Support in the Member's Official Residences (Part of the Private Office); (3) Departmental Support to the Office of the Member. In respect of the Private Office, the Guide provides for nine persons to be appointed. There are currently seven persons in the Minister's Private office. This number does not exceed what is provided for in the Guide for Members of the Executive.
- (3) Following the merger of the two departments on 1 April 2020, the post has been amended to Chief Operating Officer.

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