

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 159

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

- (1) With reference to R7 million that was granted by the National Lotteries Commission (NLC) to a certain non-profit organisation (name furnished), which is linked to a certain person (name furnished), (a) what were the reasons for awarding the grant and (b) what has the grant been used for by the specified company to date;
- (2) whether the utilisation of the grant by the specified company has been verified by the NLC; if not, what does he intend to do about the situation; if so, what are the relevant details? NW162E

REPLY:

I have submitted the question to the National Lotteries Commission for a reply.

In a letter dated 15 February 2021, NLC Commissioner, Ms T Mampane advised me that the NLC is not in a position to provide the relevant information necessary to address the question, pending an assessment by the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of whether that information can be disclosed to Parliament, as these projects fall within the scope of the SIU investigation.

I requested that the Department should determine the view of the SIU on the matter, given my responsibility to Parliament to reply to Parliamentary questions.

In response to the query by **the dtic** to the SIU, the latter advised that it has no objection to the information being provided to Parliament. In light hereof, I have requested that the NLC provide the relevant information

I will provide a supplementary reply upon receipt of the information from the NLC.