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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

Question: 306

Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) Whether he and his department will provide the Select Committee with (a) timely, (b) credible reporting and/or (c) accountability on a quarterly basis for the (i) National Lotteries Commission (NLC) and (ii) National Regulator Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) for the duration of the current government administration; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he will provide an update on the status of the investigation regarding the R1.4 billion funding that was allegedly looted by the former NLC board members and the 13 individuals; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) how many positions are vacant within his department, (b) what plans are in place to address and/or appoint persons to such positions and (c) how many acting positions are available in this regard?CW362E

Reply:

- (1) (a); (b), (c) (i) and (ii) Annual Performance Plans and Annual Reports of the mentioned entities are being submitted as per the prescribed dates; to Parliament. Regarding Quarterly Reports; **the dtic** has been submitting them to the Portfolio Committee on Trade; Industry and Competition, and can make these available to the Select Committee; going forward.
- (2) The investigation into the alleged looting of R1.4 billion by former NLC board members and 13 individuals is currently being handled by the SIU. As per Proclamation signed by the President, the SIU is busy with the investigations in the NLC. Further, as per the legislative requirements, the SIU, a Chapter 9 institution, reports directly to the President and can provide updates on the progress of the investigation. In fact, the SIU has been briefing the Portfolio Committee on its investigations into the NLC, and am aware that the next briefing is scheduled for 05 November 2024.

- (3)** (a) The department had 145 vacancies as at 30 June 2024. (b) Key Management posts such as the Director-General and three Deputy Director-General posts were advertised on 19, 22 and 27 September 2024 respectively, in the Public Service Vacancy Circular, departmental website as well as the media. In addition, 24 priority posts have been approved for filling, with the remainder to be filled per prioritisation. (c) there are five acting appointments available.

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