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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

### **QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 574**

**DATE OF ORAL REPLY: 25 OCTOBER 2023**

**Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What (a) steps has his department taken regarding the high prices of air travel in the Republic, particularly during the latest school holiday where the price of a one-way flight from Durban to Johannesburg was more than R3 000 and (b) measures has his department put in place to prevent the existing airlines from exploiting travelers? NO4388E

**REPLY:**

- (a) The Competition Commission received seven complaints on prices air tickets following the exit Comair from the market between June and December 2022. Following months of investigation, the Commission announced in May this year that it found no reason to refer the cases to the Competition Tribunal.
- (b) The Commission carried advocacy work with the leadership of airlines on its concerns on prices on air tickets and received commitment from them that they would not exploit the exit of Comair from the market.
- (c) I have asked the Commission to prepare a report on prices of air travel in order to provide an objective account of prices, including surges in prices at particular times or on particular routes.

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