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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1075

Mr D D D van Rooyen (MK) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) (a)(i) What total budget was approved for the reparations process at the National Lotteries Commission and (ii) by whom was it approved and (b) under which budgetary vote and/or programme is the specified expenditure being accounted for;
- (2) whether the National Treasury has provided any oversight and/or approvals in relation to the payments; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he will furnish Mr D D D van Rooyen with a full list of (a) individuals who have been granted reparations, as well as (b) those anticipated to receive such payments; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether, given the principles of accountability, financial prudence and adherence to legal mandates, an audit and/or legal review has been conducted to assess the compliance of the reparation processes with the relevant laws and regulations governing public expenditure and governance; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1186E

REPLY:

I have been advised by the National Lotteries Commission (NLC) as follows.

1) (a)&(b)

Budget Approval and Allocation:

R20 million has been ringfenced for individual reparative measures.

Funding will be sourced from the National Lotteries Distribution Trust Fund (NLDTF).

The reparative measures initiative is included in the NLC's APP for 2023/24 and 2024/25 under Ministerial Additional Priorities.

2) **National Treasury Oversight:**

National Treasury has been informed about the ringfenced R20 million as part of the NLC surplus.

3) (a)&(b)

List of Individuals Receiving Reparations:

No awards have been granted yet.

Nine individuals have been invited to participate in the process.

Due to the private nature of the healing process, the NLC will not publicly disclose individual matters.

Independent advisory processes are confidential. Public and private apologies will only be issued upon agreement and finalization of settlement awards.

4) **Audit and Legal Review Compliance:**

The Committee and Independent Advisors' Terms of Reference emphasizes accountability, financial prudence, and legal compliance.

Continuous internal audit health checks are conducted.

The process maintains a pastoral approach while ensuring adherence to public expenditure laws and governance regulations.

The NLC has engaged with the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) to ensure that any reparative awards granted comply with legal prescripts and processes and a process has been agreed upon with the AGSA.

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