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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1417

Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) With regard to the issuing of the National Lotteries Commission's Temporary License Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Temporary Licence dated 3 March 2025, on what date were (i) Professor Barney Pityana, Chairman of the Commission, (ii) Nontombi Matomela of the Department informed about the existence of the RFP;
- (2) whether (a) Prof Pityana and (b) the Board were consulted before the licence request was issued; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in this regard? NW1574E

REPLY:

- (1) On 06 February 2025, the Board National Lotteries Commission acting in terms of Section 10(a) of the Lotteries Act, 1997, advised the Minister that he should consider issuing a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for a Temporary Licence as contemplated in Section 13B of the Act. The Board gave the Minister this advice after determining that it is unlikely that a successful applicant to operate the Fourth Lottery will be able to commence operations on 01 June 2025 when the Third Licence expires given that the Minister was not yet able to come to a decision on the award of the Fourth Licence. The Minister accepted the advice and instructed the Board to issue an RFP for a Temporary Licence on 03 March 2025. The Chairperson of the Board knew of the possibility of the Temporary Licence RFP from time that the Board advised the Minister to embark on an RFP process on 06

February 2025. Although the Board had issued advice to the Minister, the decision to act on it was the Minister's alone. At the time that the Board appeared before the Portfolio Committee, the formal decision of the Minister had not been formally communicated to the Board and so the Chairman of the Board was not aware of the decision.

Ms Nontombi Matomela of the Department was also at the time of the meeting not aware of the decision or the fact that the Request for Proposals had been issued.

- (2) As stated above, the Board and its Chairperson advised the Minister on the RFP process. They were consulted by the Minister on the Temporary Licence RFP through various correspondence exchanged and meetings.

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