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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1576

Mr M A Maimane (BOSA) MP to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What process and/or processes were followed in appointing the seven-person panel that will adjudicate and ultimately choose the next National Lottery Operator? NW1218E

REPLY

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

- (a) The NLC engaged four large auditing and accounting firms together with at least three medium-sized transaction advisory firms. Due to the risk exposure of the NLC at the time, resulting from the SIU investigation and allegations of financial mismanagement against former NLC Board Members, Executives and Management, none of the large auditing and accounting firms wanted to do business with the NLC. Only one mid-sized transaction advisory firm complied with the issued Request For Proposal, however, the firm did not have the skills and resources to execute the scope of work for the Evaluation Committee. The only option available for the NLC at the time was to appoint individuals to constitute the Evaluation Committee.
- (b) In appointing the panel, specifications were developed, which identified skills and experience of resources required to form part of the Evaluation Committee. The skills and experience required included candidates who have experience in the four areas of competency, namely, - Finance; Legal; Gaming and Information Technology.
- (c) Curriculum Vitae were sourced from two recruitment agencies that were appointed by the NLC. Shortlisting was undertaken by the NLC and candidates were interviewed to assess their competency and eligibility for appointment.
- (d) Probity was undertaken by verifying work experience, qualifications, credit and criminal checks of the candidates that were recommended for appointment to the Evaluation Committee. All seven candidates that were ultimately appointed passed the probity.

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