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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1911

Mr S S Zibi (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What (a) interventions has the SA Responsible Gambling Foundation undertaken through its Social Intervention Unit over the past five financial years and (b) is the breakdown of such interventions in each specified financial year in terms of each (a) province and (b) vulnerable group? NW2114E

REPLY:

I have been advised by the National Gambling Board (NGB) as follows.

- (a) The answer to this question is not within the purview of the NGB. The South African Responsible Gambling Foundation (SARGF) whose flagship is the widely known National Responsible Gambling Programme (NRGP), was launched in June 2000 and incorporated in 2004 as a comprehensive industry response to challenges posed by problem gambling in a developing nation such as South Africa, after the legalisation of the gambling industry in mid-1996.

The SARGF is a public-private initiative between the government gambling regulators and the gambling industry in South Africa, and as such is funded by contributions from the South African gambling industry – which includes the casino, sports betting, bingo and limited pay-out machine (LPM) industries.

- (b) (a) and (b) The answer to these questions is not within the purview of the NGB.

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