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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 2304

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

Whether, since the start of the 7th Parliament to date, any official from his department attended party political study groups and/or meetings in their official capacity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what (i) are the names of the officials and (ii) is the total number of study groups and/or meetings they attended, (b) on what date was each study group or meeting held, (c) what was the agenda and/or topics covered in each study group and/or meeting and (d) what is the name of each political party that hosted each specified study group and/or meeting? NW2415E

REPLY:

Ministers do not preside over party caucuses or study groups, as these are parliamentary mechanisms that fall under the purview of political parties themselves. This question should therefore be directed to the Chief Whips, who serve as the custodians of caucuses and study groups.

In addition, the Ministry has taken note of the self-explanatory advisory from the Public Service Commission dated 5 June 2026 addressed to All Directors-General regarding briefing of political parties outside of the norm and related informal engagements.

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