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Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 3175

Mr AD Beesly (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) Whether, in relation to any discussions, negotiations, incentives, facilitation arrangements and/or investment undertakings involving BAIC, any other Chinese automotive entity and/or any official or representative of the Government of the People's Republic of China, his department and any entity reporting to him was ever offered, promised, given, delivered and/or otherwise associated with any motor vehicle, gift, benefit, donation and/or other valuable consideration since 3 July 2024; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, in respect of each case, what are the full, relevant details of the (a) vehicle, gift and benefit and/or consideration concerned, (b) date on which it was offered, promised, delivered and/or received and (c) person(s), office(s) and/or entity(ies) involved;
- (2) whether any written record, minute, memorandum, email and/or agreement exists in this regard; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any such item and/or benefit was in any way linked to, or presented as part of, an investment agreement, incentive package, facilitation arrangement and/or political undertaking relating to BAIC or any other Chinese investor; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether his department and/or any entity reporting to him has any record of vehicles that were donated by any foreign government, foreign state-owned enterprise, foreign official and/or intermediary in relation to automotive investment promotion in the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) what measures have been implemented to ensure that no incentive negotiations, investment facilitation processes and/or state-business interactions are accompanied by undisclosed gifts, vehicles and/or side arrangements? NW3295E



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REPLY:

(1)

- (a) A number of officials in the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**); as well as those in entities such as the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and the National Regulator on Compulsory Specifications (NRCS), have and continue to interact with companies of Chinese origin including BAIC in efforts aimed at promoting investment and localisation. Apart from the list below, we are not aware of any other offer, promise or exchange of gifts between the officials and the Chinese counterparts since July 2024; except for

NRCS

Name of Company	a) Vehicle, gift and benefit and/or consideration concerned,	b) Date	c) person(s), office(s) and/or entity(ies) involved
Cherry South Africa,	Coffee Cup	20 June 2025	Inspector
FAW South Africa	Company branded Cap and T-shirt	07 July 2025	Inspector
FAW South Africa	Portable picnic braai stand	13 December 2025	Manager
FAW South Africa	Mug and a Cap gifted	13 December 2025	Inspector

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The Office of the Director-General received a Chery OMODA model car from Mr C Chen, Executive VIP of Chery International in September 2025, which was donated to the Department for display in its offices.



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With respect to the ISID branch, two sponsorships/benefits in the form of travel and skills development programme were declared through the prescribed system of **the dtic**. Prior to taking up the offers, approval was sought from the Director-General; and these were declared on **the dtic**'s gift register.

22-26 February 2025

Mr Yunus Hoosen, former Acting Deputy Director-General, ISID participated in the following:

- Mr Hoosen was invited by Mr Tony Lui, CEO of Cherry South Africa as a speaker at the Global NEV Ultra Long Test drive even on Sunday the 22-24 February 2005 (all costs covered by Cherry SA).
- Mr Hoosen was invited to the launch of B20 in Cape Town from the 24th to 25th February 2025 (all costs covered by Cherry SA).

10- 23 October 2025

- **the dtic** received sponsorship for officials to travel to Tianjin, China to participate in a capacity building seminar on Special Economic Zones (SEZs). The title was "Seminar on Development Zones and Management Construction Zones and Management for Belt and Road Countries" Officials from SEZ & Policy Planning Chief Directorate a attended the capacity building course.

The Government of the People's Republic of China covered the following costs: Travel between China & South Africa; Training fees; and Accommodation costs. However, **the dtic** incurred the following costs: daily allowances, incidental costs and ground travel costs.

The following **dtic** officials participated in the programme:

Patrick Mlangeni: Deputy Director from the SEZ & Policy Planning

Tswaledi Mashiane: Deputy Director from the SEZ & Policy Planning



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(b)&(c)

The information is provided above.

- (2) Yes, **the dtic** maintains written records in the form of approval submissions and a gift register, whereas the NRCS maintains written records in the form of declarations.
- (3) No, these benefits were not linked to any investment agreement, incentive package, facilitation arrangement or political undertakings relating to BAIC and any other Chinese investor.
- (4) **the dtic**, and its Entities (IDC & NRCS) have no record of vehicles donated by any foreign government, foreign state-owned enterprise, foreign official and/or intermediary in relation to automotive investment promotion in the Republic.
- (5) All officials are expected to honestly declare their financial interests, including gifts received. Also, officials are required to undergo ethics training to equip them with the knowledge and capacity to engage appropriately with stakeholders, including potential investors.

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