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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 3606

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

Whether, with regard to a forensic investigation into (a) remuneration and (b) overseas travel by the members of the National Gambling Board, the investigation has been concluded; if not, by what date will it be concluded and (b) have disciplinary and/or criminal complaints been consequently considered; if so, what are the findings of the investigation? NW4101E

REPLY:

(a)&(b)

The National Gambling Board has not had members since 2014 and therefore no forensic investigation was conducted into the (a) remuneration and (b) overseas travel by the members of the National Gambling Board.

A forensic investigation was conducted into the payment of performance bonuses and overseas travel by the Accounting Authority of the NGB, Ms Caroline Kongwa.

The findings of the investigation were:

(a) payment of performance bonuses:

The performance bonuses paid to Ms Caroline Kongwa during the period being appointed as an Administrator of the NGB were approved by Dr Rob Davies, the then Minister of Trade and Industry as her supervisor/line manager.

The performance bonuses paid to Ms Kongwa as the Chief Strategic Advisor were not approved in line with the NGB Performance Management policy and thus deemed irregular expenditure.

(b) overseas travel: The expenditure relating to the international travel undertaken by Ms Kongwa as Accounting Authority can be deemed irregular expenditure.

The Minister is currently engaging with legal counsel on the course of action. Once the consultation process is finalized, further information will be provided.

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