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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 4568

Ms N L Hlazo-Webster (BOSA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

(1) Whether, in light of the announcement that the Goldrush Consortium has been selected as the preferred bidder for the National Lottery licence and considering ongoing concerns about transparency in the evaluation process, he has honoured his commitment made during the Portfolio Committee meeting on 24 June 2025 to publicly release the names of all adjudication panel members, consultants and advisors involved in the National Lotteries Commission (NLC) licensing process; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) on what dates were the specified names made public and (b) where can the names be accessed; (2) whether any declarations of conflict of interest were submitted by members of the bid adjudication panel; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (3) whether he will provide a summary of (a) who submitted such declarations and (b) the nature of the conflicts; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case; (4) whether the Chairperson of the NLC submitted in writing the declarations of conflict of interest as committed to on 18 September 2024 in reply to a request from Ms N L Hlazo-Webster; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (5) whether he will confirm if any conflicts were declared; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of the (a) individuals concerned and (b) substance of such conflicts? NW5114E

REPLY:

I have been advised by the NLC as follows:

(1)

- (a) The Fourth National Lottery Licence adjudication panel members were members of the NLC Board.
- (b) The following consultants and advisors were involved in the National Lotteries Commission's license in process:
 - i) Legal Advisors – Malatji & Co Attorneys
 - ii) Financial Advisors – Genesis Analytics
 - iii) B-BBEE Consultants – Diversify

(2), (3) & (4)

In relation to Declarations of Conflict of Interests:

- i) All members of the Evaluation Committee, the Board, the Commissioner and employees of the NLC who were involved in the licensing process, all consultants and advisors were required to complete Declarations of Interests.
- ii) A secondary declaration process was undertaken where all the applicants' related parties', entities, directors, executives and other key persons, shareholders and shareholders of shareholders were listed and submitted to all of the persons referred to in (b) (i) above. These persons were required to submit declarations as to whether they know any of the persons listed by applicants and if so, what the nature of their relationships were.
- iii) The declarations made in the first set of declarations submitted, as well as the second set of declarations related to listed persons associated with the applicants were independently reviewed by the appointed legal advisors to determine whether there was a conflict of interest. The legal advisors' own declarations were reviewed by another law firm which is on the panel of legal service providers of the NLC.

(5)

No conflict of interest findings were made by the legal advisors upon review of the declarations by Evaluation Committee members, board members, the Commissioner and employees of the NLC, as well as by consultants and advisors to the NLC. No conflict of interest were made against the legal advisors either.

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