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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 4587

Mr A D Beesley (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) Whether he will furnish Mr A D Beesley with minutes, notes or any other official record of each engagement with a certain company (name furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he subsequently took, participated in or approved any executive, policy, regulatory or administrative decision relating to any client represented during each engagement; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he declared, considered or otherwise managed any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest arising from such engagement; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps have been taken;
- (4) whether he will furnish Mr A D Beesley with all (a) records, (b) correspondence, (c) meeting invitations and (d) minutes relating to such engagements; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW4638E



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REPLY:

(1),(2),(3) and (4)

Refer to PQ response 4339, wherein **the dtic** confirms the following:

The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**) confirms that it has neither met with, communicated with, nor been approached by representatives, employees, agents, or any person acting on behalf of Resolve Communications regarding government business.

Furthermore, **the dtic** has checked its financial records for the period under review and confirms that no payments have been made to Resolve Communications.

It should, however, be noted that:

- South Africa has launched a dispute in the WTO regarding the EU's measures against our citrus exports. We do this in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture as well as the citrus industry – represented by the Citrus Growers Association (CGA).
- As part of the work, task teams were established, which includes a task team on communication. In that workstream the CGA is assisted by Resolve, as Resolve is the regular communications/media partner of the CGA, contracted by the CGA as such.
- In the task team we have collaborated with both partners – DOA and CGA, and therefore indirectly also with their team members such as Resolve. All partners provided inputs, for example, the media releases regarding the dispute process.
- **the dtic** component of the Government-Industry team, did not contract Resolve, nor were we approached by Resolve to contract them.

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