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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

### **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

#### **QUESTION NO. 4689**

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

With regard to the South Africa-France Investment Conference held in Paris in May 2025, at which he, the Deputy President, Mr S P Mashatile, and Minister R O Lamola were in attendance, (a) what role did certain persons (details furnished) play in the delegation, considering that they reportedly had unfettered access to both diplomatic and trade talks, yet none are elected members of the national executive nor were they included on the published list of private sector delegates, especially given that no such call for private sector involvement was made outside of that of the French Chamber of Commerce as alleged by the South African Embassy to France and (b) who paid for their (i) airfare, (ii) accommodation and (iii) other related expenses for the specified trip? NW5248E

#### **REPLY:**

(a) & (b)

The Department did not invite the said-mentioned persons.

Deputy President Mr S P Mashatile visit and program to France was coordinated by the SA Embassy in Paris.

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