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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 5371

Mrs H Denner (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

(1) Whether, in light of the reported decline in the film and television production industry and concerns regarding the administration and payment of incentives under the Film and Television Incentive Programme, any investigation, audit or forensic review has been undertaken into allegations of irregularities, maladministration, preferential treatment or misuse of funds in the administration of the specified programme since 2019; if not, why not; if so, what (a) were the findings and (b) remedial and/or disciplinary actions have been taken;

(2) whether he will consider commissioning such an investigation, given the reported financial and employment impact of the administration of the programme; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW5811E

REPLY:

(1) (a)&(b)

Since 2019, the Department has not conducted any investigation, audit, or forensic review relating to the administration and disbursement of incentives under the Film and Television Incentive Programme, as no allegations of irregularities, maladministration, preferential treatment, or misuse of funds in the administration of the programme have been formally reported or brought to its attention.

Consequently, as no investigation, audit, or forensic review has been undertaken during this period, there have been no findings, recommendations, or remedial actions arising from the administration of the programme.

(2)

As indicated above, no allegations of irregularities, maladministration, preferential treatment, or misuse of funds in the administration of the Film and Television Incentive Programme have been formally reported or brought to the attention of the Department.

Accordingly, the Department has not found it necessary to undertake an investigation, audit, or forensic review of the programme. Should credible information or substantiated allegations be formally submitted in future, the Department will consider instituting an appropriate investigation, audit, or review to assess the matter and determine any necessary corrective action.

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