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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 581

Mr V Zungula (ATM) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) What measures has his department implemented to prevent liquor stores that were (a) penalised and/or (b) shut down for selling fake alcohol, from reopening under new ownership and/or management;
- (2) What specific penalties and/or fines are imposed on liquor stores selling fake alcohol;
- (3) Whether he has found that the specified penalties and/or fines are sufficient to deter noncompliance; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) What total number of liquor stores (a) were inspected and (b) had (i) warnings issued, (ii) fines imposed and (iii) licences revoked in the past year for selling counterfeit and/or fake alcohol;
- (5) Whether liquor store (a) owners and (b) staff are required to undergo training and/or certification programmes to identify and prevent fake alcohol sales; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW593E

REPLY:

(1), (2), (3), (4) and (5): The 1999 Constitutional Court judgment ruled that in terms of Schedule 5 of the Constitution retail liquor licensing is a provincial competence. The National Liquor Authority (NLA) is a mandate of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, responsible for the regulation of macro manufacturing and distribution of liquor. The questions raised by the Honourable member fall within the jurisdiction of the provincial liquor boards, who are mandated to regulate retail sales of liquor and therefore should be referred to the Provinces.

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