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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 769

Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) What (a) total number of online gambling companies operating in the Republic are licenced and (b) is the (i) breakdown of such companies in each province and (ii) name of the company in each case;
- (2) What is the total monetary value of taxes collected from the online gambling operators for the (a) 2022-23 and (b) 2023-24 financial years;
- (3) What amount of the total proceeds have been spent to educate the public on the dangers of gambling;
- (4) What total (a) number of online gambling operators are currently running community programmes and (b) amount have they spent in this regard? NW962E

REPLY:

I have been advised by the National Gambling Board (NGB) as follows:

- 1) (a) None of the online gambling operators are licensed – online (interactive) gambling is illegal. Please note that bookmaker operators are licensed in all provinces, and they can take bets through their websites, but these are not issued as online or interactive gambling licences. There is no segregation of revenue collected from bookmaker operators to differentiate between revenue collected from their physical retail betting shops and that collected through the bets taken on their websites online.
(b)(i) Not applicable. (ii) Not applicable.

- 2) (a) Not applicable (b) Not applicable.
- 3) Not applicable. All licensed operators, except some operators under the Mpumalanga Economic Regulator, contribute 0.1% of their gross gambling revenue towards funding the free counselling treatment services offered by the South African Responsible Gambling Foundation. There is no contribution from gambling operators dedicated to providing education and awareness. The NGB provides broader public education and awareness through its budget allocation. Online Gambling remains illegal until there is an authorising legislation in terms of section 11 of the National Gambling Act, 2004 (Act No. 07 of 2004).
- 4) (a) There is no information on this. (b) There is no information on this.

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