

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 987

Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition

How has the National Lottery Commission been allowed to continue usage of Cheadle Thompson and Haysom (CTH) despite court rulings against the contract and the ethical obligation for black participation in procurement of legal services by the NLC? NW1223E

REPLY

As the Executive Authority of the NLC, I do not have the powers to prescribe to the NLC which service providers to use and not use. Those powers rest with the NLC.

I have been advised by the NLC that according to their records, there is no court judgment which has ruled against the continued usage of Cheadle, Thompson and Haysom by the NLC.

As part of the dtic family, the NLC is committed to transformation, diversity, inclusion and participation of black legal practitioners in the procurement of legal services. CTH is a B-BBEE Level 1 legal practice with more than 55% of its directorship being Black and more than 30% is made up of Women. Beyond their leadership, approximately 70% of their professional staff is Black.

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