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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 785

Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What (a) number of overseas trips did the Accounting Officer of the National Gambling Board (NGB) undertake that the NGB paid for, (b) what was the destination of each trip and (c) was the total cost to the NGB for each trip? NW963E

REPLY:

The Department has commenced an investigation into matters relating to the National Gambling Board, initially focused on the procurement of the building. A forensic investigating company has been appointed in this regard.

A further briefing by the Department relating to remuneration and authorization for overseas travel has raised governance questions relating to these matters. This will now be included in the forensic investigation.

The Department is also considering what appropriate immediate steps should be taken in addition to the above.

Once the investigation is complete, the necessary actions will be taken where warranted, and a report will be submitted to Parliament.

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