

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY**QUESTION 2627**

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2627. Mr M J Cuthbert (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) Whether it is acceptable for a senior member of the Hawks to be in charge of a nonprofit organisation which solicits funding; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether it is acceptable for a senior member of the Hawks to (a) solicit and (b) receive funding from the National Lotteries Commission (NLC) at a time when the Hawks are investigating corruption involving Lottery funding; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether a certain person (name furnished) needed permission as a serving officer to set up a foundation in the specified person's name; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, was the person granted permission;
- (4) whether he was aware of the person being considered for NLC funding prior to his acceptance of the funding itself; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether the person declared to him that he had received funding from the NLC; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?


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REPLY:

- (1) There is nothing that prohibits a senior member of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI), to be in charge of a non-profit organisation.
- (2)(a)(b) It would not be acceptable, for a senior member of the DPCI, to solicit funding from an organisation, which is under investigation by the DPCI, if such solicitation is done in his capacity as a member of the DPCI. However, the funds were not received by the senior member of the DPCI, in his capacity as a member of the DPCI. The funds, in question, was a matter between the National Lotteries Commission (NLC) and the non-profit organisation, which had nothing to do with the DPCI.

- (3) The person, whose name is furnished, did not need permission, as a serving member, to set up a foundation. He, therefore, did not seek permission from the employer.
- (4) The Minister was not aware of the person or the non-profit organisation, being considered for funding by the NLC. There was no obligation to inform the Minister.
- (5) The person did not declare the funding, which was received from the NLC. If the member himself had received the funding, he should have declared. He was not obliged to declare the funding, which was received by the non-profit organisation.

Reply to question 2627 recommended/~~not recommended~~


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MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP
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