**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 1493**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 26 MAY 2017**

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**Mr E J Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

Whether (a) his department and (b) each entity reporting to him procured any services from and/or made any payments to (i) a certain company (name furnished) or (ii) any other public relations firms; if not, in each case, why not; if so, in each case, what (aa) services were procured, (bb) was the total cost, (cc) is the detailed breakdown of such costs, (dd) was the total amount paid, (ee) was the purpose of the payments and (ff) is the detailed breakdown of such payments?

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**REPLY:**

1. The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DoJ&CD) has neither procured any services from nor made any payments to:
2. Bell Pottinger; and
3. Any other public relations firms
4. I have been informed that the National Prosecuting Authority, Special Investigating Unit and Legal Aid South Africa have neither procured any services from, nor made payments to Bell Pottinger and any other public relations firms.
5. The office of the Chief Justice has not procured any services from and made any payments to Bell Pottinger or any other public relations firms.
6. The Department of Correctional Services, has not procured any services and/or any payments made to Bell Pottinger.