**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**1846. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

(a) What is the (i) current backlog for the national lottery funding applications submitted to date and (ii) monetary value of the specified applications to date;

(b) on what date will the applications be resolved; and

(c) how will the backlog be resolved? NW2056E

**According to the information received from National Lotteries Commission****-**

**Response:**

(a) (i) As at 19th June 2017, there were a total of 5953 applications awaiting adjudication relating to the 2015 call for applications.

(ii) The total amount requested by applicants is approximately R11,3 billion.

(b) The NLC anticipates to have completed the backlog by the 31 July 2017.

(c) In order to expedite the processing of these applications, the following interventions are in place:

Appointment of full time Distributing Agency members for all sectors (Sport and Recreation still to be finalised) resulting in increased rate of adjudication.

Administrative processing of non-compliant applications according to delegated authority framework.

Restructuring of the Grant Funding Division aligned to the revised business model of the Open Call system.

Re-engineering of the application process to avoid backlogs in future.

Modernisation of the information technology (IT) platform.