**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

 **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**Question 2657**

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

Whether any official from his department attended a certain political party’s (name furnished) Study Group on Trade and Industry in 2017, if so, what (a) was the reason and (b) costs were incurred for attending each meeting? NW2964E

Reply:

As mentioned previously **the dti** officials, including role-playing staff in the Ministry have attended study group meetings of the African National Congress. The participation of officials from **the dti** were limited to responding to technical queries e.g related to legislation. Upon invitation, officials only attended when they were in Cape Town for other purposes.