**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**3452. Mrs E N Ntlangwini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

(1) How many officials and/or employees in his department were granted permission to have businesses and/or do business dealings in the past three financial years;

(2) are any of the officials and/or employees that have permission to have businesses and/or do business dealings doing business with the Government; if so, (a) what was the purpose of each business transaction, (b) when did each business transaction occur and (c) what was the value of each business transaction? NW3878E

**Response:**

1. The number of officials granted permission to do business in the past three financial years were:
2. May 2015-April 2016= 32 officials
3. May 2016-April 2017= 12 officials
4. May 2017 to present = 8 officials
5. No officials were granted approval to do business with the State however in 2015/16 it was found that one official did business with the state:

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| **Name of company** | **Name of government organ** | **Amount of transactions** |
| Nwakhoseni Holdings (Pty) Ltd | Nat: Agri Forestry & Fisheries | 43 131,00 |

The official applied for approval to undertake remunerative work outside public service and received approval. The official stated that business was done in the previous year (2015), but payment was received in 2016. Since that payment, no business was done with the State.

In 2016/17 it was found that one official did business with the state:

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| **Name of Company** | **Name of government organ** | **Amount** |
| Inqaba Biotechnical Industries | NAT: Agri Forestry & Fisheries | 52 946,70 |

The official is a Foreign Economic Representative based outside South Africa. He was not aware of the regulation of not doing business with the State. Immediately he became aware of it, he resigned as Director of the company.