

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1045**

**Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition**: Whether he has convened any Ministers and Members of Executive Councils meetings since the start of the national lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what date was each meeting held and (b) what was on the agenda of each meeting? NW1335E

**REPLY**

Since the start of the national lockdown, engagements with members of the Provincial Executive Councils included the following:

1. Meetings convened by the Presidency and attended with Premiers, on discussions related to the Covid-19 pandemic were held as follows:

* 4 April,
* 18 April,
* 16 May, and
* 17 June.

1. Discussions were held between Deputy Ministers and Provincial MECs in May/June 2020, to discuss the regulation of liquor sales under Lockdown Level 3.
2. A meeting of the Ministry with the MECs in the Economic Development Portfolio was held on 17 June 2020, covering a briefing on Covid-19 recovery plans at provincial level and views on the sale of alcohol.

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