**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

 **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**Question 1137**

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

(a) Why are there instances of different identity numbers registered for one person on the website of the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC)?

 (b) How many other instances of different identity numbers were found on the CIPC’s website against the name of one person; and

 (c) By what date will the CIPC’s database be cleaned up? NW1231E

**According to the information received from CIPC:**

1. The CIPC system authenticates individuals against valid Identity Number supplied from the Home Affairs database. This is done either through electronic or biometric validation against the Home Affairs (DHA) database. The DHA is the owner of all Identity Number database.
2. The CIPC is only aware of 2 instances of different Identity Numbers for a single individual.
3. The CIPC does not have the right to record or amend any particulars in the Population Register. The status awarded to the CIPC by the Director-General of the Department of Home Affairs in terms of section 6 of the Identification Act No. 68 of 1997 is that of right to access to authenticate individuals exclusively against their Identity Number and any associated bio-metrics.

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