**NA QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1155 : NW1293E**

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**1155. Adv A de W Alberts (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

(1) With reference to his reply to question 287 on 14 March 2016, (a) what was (i) his specific role and (ii) the extent of his involvement in discussions that were held in Switzerland around the sale of the Optimum mine by Glencore to Oakbay, (b) which persons were involved and (c) who requested his involvement in the specified discussions;

(2) who was the official of the department who accompanied him on the visit? NW1293E

**Reply**

(1)(a)(i)(ii) To promote mining and address company issues relating to investment climate in the country in general, and to mitigate imminent of retrenchments.

(b) The Department is not at liberty to disclose the identity of persons involved outside of its employment.

(c) No person in particular. I identify challenges and act upon them in a manner I deem appropriate.

(2) As previously indicated, the Minister was accompanied by a senior official of the Department.  It is not normal practice for the Department to disclose the identity of officials who travel and accompany the Minister in their official capacity, as it may potentially compromise the performance of their official duties.

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**QUESTION NUMBER: 287 : CO582E**

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**287. Mr J S Malema (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

(a) What was the purpose of his recent trip to Switzerland, (b) who was part of the delegation and (c) how much did the trip cost the department? NW294E

**Reply**

1. To promote mining and investment opportunities in South Africa
2. Minister was accompanied by an official from the department.
3. R347 000, 00.

**Approved/not approved**

**Mr MJ Zwane**

**Minister of Mineral Resources**

**Date Submitted:-**……………/………………/2016