**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO 1301**

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**Dr M J Cardo (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

With regard to the proposed merger of the soft-drink bottling operations of certain companies, did he share documents supplied to him by the Competition Commission with his expert witness, before the specified expert witness had signed confidentiality agreements; if not, what is the position in this regards; if so , why?           NW1447E

**REPLY**

I am advised that the government expert witness signed the requisite confidentiality agreement supplied to him by government lawyers prior to gaining access to confidential information.

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