NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR **WRITTEN** REPLY

PARLIAMENTRY QUESTION NO**: 1492**

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**1492. Mr T R Majola (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

Whether (a) her department and (b) each entity reporting to her procured any services from and/or made any payments to (i) a certain company (name furnished) or (ii) any other public relations firms; if not, in each case, why not; if so, in each case, what (aa) services were procured, (bb) was the total cost, (cc) is the detailed breakdown of such costs, (dd) was the total amount paid, (ee) was the purpose of the payments and (ff) is the detailed breakdown of such payments? NW1634E

**Response**

1. The Department of International Relations has not procured the services of any public relations firms
2. No entities reporting to her have procured the services of any other public relations firms.
3. The Department has in house media and public relations units that include media liaison unit, an in-house internet radio station (Ubuntu Radio), and social media platforms. These platforms are utilized to communicate the messages of her Department