**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1502**

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**"1502. Ms T Mbabama (DA) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

**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 (Bell Pottinger) 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?"**

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**REPLY:**

(a) The Department of Science and Technology did not procure any services from or make any payments to –

(i) Bell Pottinger;

(ii) any other public relations firm.

(b) The entities reporting to the Minister of Science and Technology did not procure any services from or make any payments to –

(i) Bell Pottinger;

(ii) any other public relations firm.

(aa) not necessary

(bb) not applicable

(cc) not applicable

(dd) not applicable

(ee) not applicable

(ff) not applicable