**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**“1503. Ms T M Mbabama (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

**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?”**

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**REPLY:**

(a) **Department of Small Business Development (DSBD)**

 (i) The DSBD had no dealings with a service provider, Bell Portinger.

 (ii) The DSBD did not acquire the services of a Public Relations Company during the 2016/17 financial year.

(b) **Entities**

 **Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA)**

 (i)&(ii) The SEDA has not procured services from Bell Portinger nor any other Public Relations Firm.

 **Small Enterprise Finance Agency (SEFA)**

1. The SEFA has not procured services from Bell Portinger.
2. Details of services procured from other Public Relations Firms are attached as Annexure A.