**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**1774. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

(1) (a) What is the total number of Letters of Authority (LOA) that are in backlog at the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) as at 6 September 2016, (b) what is the detailed breakdown of the specified backlog in LOA per industry sector and (c) what is the average waiting period for LOA to be issued;

(2) whether he will make the performance agreement signed by the Chief Executive Officer of NRCS (Mr Asogan Moodley ) available to Mr D W Macpherson; if not, why not; if so, by when?NW2082E

**Response:**

1. (a) The total number of Letters of Authority (LOA) that are in backlog at the

NRCS as at 30 June 2016 are 1170 out of a total of 3605 handled during this period, resulting in 2435 approvals.

(b) The detailed breakdown of the specified backlog in LOA per industry sector as of 30 June 2016 is 15 for the Automotive sector, 39 for the Chemical, Materials and Mechanicals sector, 1116 for the electro-technical sector and zero for gaming equipment and type approvals in legal metrology.

(c) The average waiting period for a LOA to be issued is 156 days.

(2) The Performance Agreement of the CEO has been forwarded to the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on 14 September 2016.