**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO: 2881(NW3354E)**

**PUBLISHED IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO: 28-2015 OF 07 AUGUST 2015**

**MR S MOKGALAPA (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION:**

1. What are the (a) names and (b) designations of each of the nine South African representatives abroad representing the country in various international organisations, as indicated on her department’s website;

2 are these representatives remunerated by her department; if not, are they remunerated by the international organisations on which they serve; if so, on what salary level are each of these representatives remunerated;

3 what appointment process did each of these representatives undergo;

4 were the (a) academic qualifications, (b) experience within (i) the foreign service, (ii) her department or (iii) the Public Service considered in the appointment process of each of the specified representatives; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of each appointment? NW3354E

**REPLY:**

**Reply:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **(1) (a)NAMES** | **(1) (b)DESIGNATIONS** | **ORGANISATIONS** |
| AMB M Nkosi | Ambassador | Belgium and Luxembourg; and Mission to the European Union |
| Amb AK Bramdeo | Ambassador | Seconded by African Union to the European Union, Brusells |
| Mr E Beck | Minister Plenipotentiary | Belgium and Luxembourg; and Mission to the European Union |
| Amb JNK Mamabolo | Ambassador | SA Permanent Mission in United Nations |
| Mr EL Mminele | Minister Plenipotentiary | SA Permanent Mission in United Nations |
| Amb TJ Seokolo | Ambassador | Vienna, Austria and Permanent Mission to the UN & International Organisations |
| Ms L Greyling | Minister Plenipotentiary | Vienna, Austria and Permanent Mission to the UN & International Organisations |
| Amb AS Minty | Ambassador | Geneva, Switzerland and Permanent Mission to the UN and other International Organisations |
| Ms NP Notutela | Minister Plenipotentiary | Geneva, Switzerland and Permanent Mission to the UN and other International Organisations |
| Amb X Carim | Ambassador | World Trade Organisation |
| Amb X Mqulwana, | High Commissioner | Nairobi, High Commissioner to Kenya and SA Representative to the UN Habitat |
| Amb NN Ntshinga | Ambassador | Addis Ababa, Ambassador to Ethiopia and SA Representative to the African Union( AU) |

(2) Yes. These Ambassadors and Senior Diplomats serve on concurrent representation at no extra remuneration.

Ambassador Bramdeo is seconded to the African Union as the AU Representative to the EU in Brussels as per request of the former Chairperson of the AU, Mr Jean Ping.

(3) The appointment process undergone by all representatives abroad is done in terms of Section 84 (2) (i) of the Constitution, 1996, which provides: “that *the President has the powers entrusted by the Constitution and legislation, appointing ambassadors, plenipotentiaries, and diplomatic and consular representatives”.*

(4) No. The appointment process is effected through the Constitution and does not prescribe academic qualifications and experience.