**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 3101 / NW 3465E**

**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES:**

**The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

**QUESTION:**

**3101.   The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

Whether, since he served in Cabinet, he (a)(i) was ever influenced by any person and/or (ii) influenced any of his department’s employees to take any official administrative action on behalf of any (aa) member, (bb) employee and/or (cc) close associate of the Gupta family and/or (b) attended any meeting where any of the specified persons were present; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?  **NW3465E**

**REPLY:**

1. Minister has never been –

(a)(i) Influenced by any person; nor has

(a)(ii) Minister ever influenced any member of staff in his department to take any official administrative action on behalf of any –

(aa) member;

(bb) employee; and/or

(cc) a close associate of the Gupta family.

(b) Minister has never attended any meeting where any of the specified persons were present.