**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

 **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**3732. Mr G G Hill-Lewis (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

With reference to the award of a multi-million rand grant by the National Lotteries Commission to the Thobeka Madiba Zuma Foundation, which is run by the wife of the President, Mr Jacob G Zuma:

 (a) What was the intended use of the specified grant

 (b) What was it actually used for,

 (c) Did the recipient meet all of the (i) reporting and (ii) audit requirements for the use of the grant,

 (d) Has the specified commission found that no person improperly benefited from the grant and

 (e) What process was followed by the specified commission in reaching this conclusion?

**According to the response received from National Lotteries Commission**

(a) The Grant was intended for Breast Cancer Awareness initiatives which included concerts in Mafikeng & Umtata and compilation of a Documentary.

(b) The NLC is not in position to answer this question right now as it awaits the first progress report from the beneficiary.

(c) The project is still being currently implemented and the NLC awaits the first progress report. The NLC will be in a position to comment on (i) and (ii) after assessing the progress report. Once the first progress report is found to be satisfactory, the second tranche payment will be made.

(d) No. With all grants made from the NLDTF, the NLC studies the progress reports to ensure that the funds were used for the intended purposes.

(e) The NLC has not reached any “conclusion”. The NLC is not investigating any impropriety. In assessing of the progress report, and should the NLC find cause for concern, the NLC will raise the matter with the beneficiary.