**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**3742. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

(1) What was the total cost of the report of the Agency Rationalisation Report that was prepared for his department by a certain company?

(2) has he accepted the findings of the report in respect of each agency as recommended; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW4318E

**Response:**

1. The total cost of the study on the Agency Rationalisation was R487 200.
2. The Department commissioned the Agency Rationalisation Report and the findings were accepted as the study provided a good basis to inform and guide the decision making processes within the Department. One of the main recommendations was to move from a board governance structure to a commission (regulator) structure as boards were found to be generally ineffective. The commission or regulator without a board structure was the decision taken by the Department except for one entity that has a different funding model. Research findings serve as guidelines and may be implemented by the Department.