

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 695
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**Mr M J Cuthbert (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

What (a) is the total amount that the National Lotteries Commission paid in legal expenses to outside service providers (i) in the (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19 and (iv) 2019-20 financial years, (b) is the budget forecast for the 2020-21 financial year and (c) is the (i) breakdown of law firms that were used and (ii) total amount that was paid to each of law firm? NW813E

**REPLY:**

I have been furnished with a reply to the question submitted, by Ms Thabang Mampane, Commissioner of the National Lotteries Commission. I have requested the NLC provides a breakdown of the legal matters dealt with by the Commission and the total sum expanded on each specific legal matter, together with details of the law firm appointed.

Ms Mampane’s reply is as follows:

1. “The National Lotteries Commission is required to fulfil its mandate and ensure that the Commission performs its functions efficiently and effectively in compliance with this Act and any other applicable law. The budget spend over the past three financial years to ensure that the NLC provides guidance and support the Board applying the principles of openness and transparency, to advise the Minister on the efficacy of legislation pertaining to lotteries and ancillary matters, exercises its power to institute legal proceedings in order to properly discharge its functions and responsibilities, approach any court for any order the Board deems appropriate for effective regulation and enforcement of the Lotteries Act is detailed below. The rapid increase of the Legal and Investigations budget over the past three years is attributed to independent investigations as a result of increased media exposure and enforcement of the Third National Lotteries License, pursuant to ensuring that the National Lottery and Sport Pools are conducted with all due propriety and strictly in accordance with the Constitution, the Act, all other applicable law.”

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| **FINANCIAL YEAR** | **LEGAL AND INVESTIGATIONS EXPENDITURE** |
|  | 2016-17 | R13 397 783.00 |
|  | 2017-18 | R11 382 274.00 |
|  | 2018-19 | R20 622 898.00 |
|  | 2019-20 | R30 544 437.00 |

1. “The Legal and investigations budget was reviewed to take into account Special Investigations Unit underway as well as the SkX Investigation commissioned by the NLC Board.”

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| **FINANCIAL YEAR** | **LEGAL AND INVESTIGATIONS EXPENDITURE** |
| 2020-21 | R36 500 000.00 |

1. “The following provides a total amount spent for law firms over the past four financial years, services procured in line with Public Finance Management Act prescripts.”

| 1. **Law Firms (Supplier Name)**
 | **(II) Total Amount Paid** |
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| Adams & Adams | R90,608.34 |
| C Ngubane & Associates | R497,815.96 |
| Circle Chambers Advocates | R864,655.38 |
| Cowan Harper-Madikisela Attorneys | R857,360.26 |
| Dabishi Nthambeleni Attorneys | R426,682.00 |
| Denga Incorporated | R318,842.50 |
| Diale Mogashoa Attorneys | R5,072,148.22 |
| Gildemhuys Lessing Malatjie Inc | R2,317,053.99 |
| Hammod Pole Attorneys | R1,631.36 |
| Hogan Lovells | R2,689,296.40 |
| Lawtons Africa | R2,438,352.70 |
| Loliwe Attorneys | R278,797.02 |
| Mafuyeka & Associates Inc | R448,500.00 |
| Malatjie Kanyane Inc | R3,506,566.82 |
| Malebye Motaung Mthembu Inc | R5,464,245.55 |
| Manong Pilane Mokotedi Inc | R2,136,972.66 |
| Maphosa Attorneys | R82,130.70 |
| Mfenyane Attorneys | R119,503.50 |
| ML Mateme Inc | R11,156,978.60 |
| Moche Attorneys Inc | R3,121,699.23 |
| Morare Thobenjane Incorporated | R4,972,993.38 |
| Ndobela Lamola Inc | R19,036,324.49 |
| Ngeno & Mteto Incorporated | R630,816.16 |
| Nozuko Nxusani Inc | R133,405.56 |
| NUPSAW | R247,337.01 |
| Pabasa Adv Hor Modisa SC | R296,081.88 |
| Padi Inc | R591,032.57 |
| Poswa Inc | R535,353.24 |
| RamulifhoInc Attorneys | R5,402,346.11 |
| Raphela Incorporated | R550,039.89 |
| Raphesu JL Attorneys | R816,816.00 |
| Rooth and Wessels | R93,490.70 |
| Rooth and Wessels | R253,135.81 |
| Sekela Xabiso | R87,998.40 |
| Sheriff Pretoria East | R118,916.33 |
| Spoor and Fisher | R209,257.62 |
| Voyi Ndumiso | R82,205.78 |

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