**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 731 [NW847E]**

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**731. Mr D J Maynier (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(1) Whether he was briefed on the allegation that his Deputy Minister, Mr Mcebisi H Jonas, (a) met members of the Gupta family and/or (b) was offered any inducement(s) to accept the position of Minister of Finance on or about 27 November 2015; if so, in each specified case (i) when was he briefed, (ii) by whom and (iii) what action did he take, if any;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

The details that the Deputy Minister made public is contained in the media statement released on the 16 March 2016. Please see the media statement attached. The Deputy Minister advises that he is obtaining further legal advice on the matter.