**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PRESIDENT**

**16 MARCH 2018**

**813.     The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

Whether he (a) instructed anyone and/or (b) has been informed of any instructions given to anyone in The Presidency to assist with the identity change of a certain person (name and details furnished) at the Department of Home Affairs in 2016; if so, in each case, (i) what are the relevant details, (ii) what are the names of the employees in The Presidency who assisted the specified person and (iii) on what statutory grounds did The Presidency rely to assist the specified person?                                             NW898E

**REPLY**

No, I did not instruct anyone, nor was I informed of instructions given to anyone in The Presidency to assist with the identity change of the individual referred to by the Honourable Member.

I am, however, aware of a media enquiry to the Office of the Deputy President in August 2017 regarding an exchange of emails on this matter in which a staff member in the Office of the Deputy President had been involved. I was briefed on the circumstances of her involvement and have ascertained that at no point did she act improperly.

Should you require more detail on the matter, I will arrange for this information to be provided to your office.