**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 864**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 06 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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**Mr T W Mhlongo (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

Did the National Prosecuting Authority investigate whether the amount of R684,000 that was allegedly a loan from a certain company (name furnished) to a certain person (name and details furnished) was the proceeds of money laundering or not; if not, why not; if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) is the current status of the investigation?

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**REPLY:**

The National Director of Public Prosecutions informed me that the mandate of the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), in terms of section 179 of the Constitution, is not to investigate but to institute prosecutions. The NPA can only institute a prosecution after investigation is finalised by the South African Police Service/Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI), and if there is prima facie evidence in the case docket that supports the allegations which are the subject of the investigation.

1. The NPA is not in a position to provide any information regarding this matter. The allegations pertaining to the loan are still being investigated by the DPCI.
2. The investigation is being conducted by the DPCI and this enquiry should be referred to the agency.