**NA QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr D America (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

(1) Whether his department or the entities reporting to him provides any type of sponsorships; if not, what is his department’s position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the details of each sponsorship, (b) what is the value of each sponsorship, (c) when were each of these sponsorship deals undertaken and (d) when will each of the sponsorship deals end;

(2) whether his department or any of the entities reporting to him intends to enter into any type of sponsorship deal or contract in the (a) 2015-16 and (b) 2016-17 financial years; if not, why not; if so, (i) with whom will each sponsorship deal or contract be made, (ii) what will the terms of each of the sponsorship deals or contracts be, (iii) when will each of the sponsorship deals or contracts (aa) commence and (bb) end and (iv) what is the value of each of the sponsorship deals or contracts? NW1026E

**REPLY**

1. The Department of Mineral Resources, Mine Health and Safety Council (MHSC), State Diamond Trader (SDT), Council for Geoscience (CGS) and South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator (SADPMR) did not provide any sponsorship. The Department’s policy and that of the MHSC and CGS does not make provision for sponsorships. Mintek did provide the following sponsorships during the 2014/2015 financial year.

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| **Recipient** | **Details** | **Value (R)** | **When were the deals undertaken** | **When will the deal end** |
| THE MINERALS EDUCATION TRUST FUND | Annual Contribution | 39 392 | Jan-15 | This was a once-off |
| SA INSTITUTE OF MINING AND METALLURY | Sponsored a table at the annual banquet | 12 540 | Jan-15 | This was a once-off |
| NATIONAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FUND | Sponsored a table at the annual banquet | 30 000 | Jun-14 | This was a once-off |
| CORROSION INSTITUTE OF SOUTH AFRICA | Sponsored a table at the annual banquet | 9 649 | Sep-14 | This was a once-off |

1. (a & b) No, the Department, MHS, CGS and SDT have not planned to enter into any type of sponsorship deal or contract in the 2015 - 16 and 2016 – 17 financial years. The Department’s policy and that of the MHSC and CGS does not make provision for sponsorships. The SADPMR does not intend to enter into any type of sponsorship deal or contract in 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years as they do not budget for any type of sponsorship as per National Treasury Practice note 4 of 2006/07.

Yes, Mintek does intend to enter into sponsorship deals similar to the deals mentioned in number 1 above. These sponsorships are for professional bodies and are assessed on a case-by-case basis taking into account affordability and benefit into consideration. They are of a once-off nature and there is no obligation to Mintek to continue with these sponsorships.