**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 923 / NW1051E**

**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES:**

**The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

**QUESTION:**

Has (a) he and/or (b) his Deputy Minister ever (i) met with any (aa) member, (bb) employee and/or (cc) close associate of the Gupta family and/or (ii) attended any meeting with the specified persons (aa) at the Gupta’s Saxonwold Estate in Johannesburg or (bb) anywhere else since taking office; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, in each specified case, (aaa) what are the names of the persons who were present at each meeting, (bbb)(aaaa) when and (bbbb) where did each such meeting take place and (ccc) what was the purpose of each specified meeting?   **NW1051E**

**REPLY:**

1. **Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries met with any;**
2. (aa) No

(bb) No

(cc) No

1. **Attended any meeting with the specified persons:**

(aa) No

(bb) No

**(aaa)** **Names of the people present at each meeting:**

(bbb)(aaaa) Not applicable

(bbbb) Not applicable

**(ccc)** **What was the purpose of each specified meeting:**

Reply: Not applicable

1. **Deputy Minister of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries met with any;**

(i)(aa) No

(bb) No

(cc) No

1. **Attended any meeting with the specified persons:**

(aa) No

(bb) No

**(aaa)** **Names of the people present at each meeting:**

(bbb)(aaaa) Not applicable

(bbbb) Not applicable

(ccc) **What was the purpose of each specified meeting:**

Reply: Not applicable