

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION NUMBER 1529.

Mr S C Motau (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to question 2565 on 26 October 2010 (details furnished), any other Petrol South Africa (PetroSA) executives have been (a) dismissed or (b) suspended as a consequence of the forensic report that led to the dismissal of the former chief executive officer of PetroSA; if so, in each case, (i) which other PetroSA executives and (ii) what was the nature of the allegations against them;
- (2) Whether any board members have been investigated; if so, (a) which board members and (b) what was the nature of the improper business conduct for which (i) they and (ii) the former CEO were investigated;
- (3) Whether she has taken any steps to ensure that the improper business conduct for which the former CEO had been dismissed does not recur; if not, why not; if so, what steps? NW1694E

REPLY

1.
 - a) Yes. The person concerned was an Operations Manager based in Mossel Bay. The allegation against him was one of compromising the tender process.
 - b) Yes. The executive concerned was the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The allegations were (i) non-declaration of conflict of interest during a tender adjudication process and (ii) not properly accounting for penalties incurred in early settlement of a contract related to the allegations against the CEO. The first allegation against the CFO was found to be invalid and his two-day suspension was lifted, and he received a written warning with regards to the second allegation.
2. No, Board Members have been investigated.
3. I am confident that PetroSA has robust procurement policies and procedures in place. I have recently taken steps to strengthen governance through the appointment of new members of the PetroSA Board, including the Chairman, when the term of 50 % of the Members of the old Board ended.