Question 128

Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

Whether the degree to which the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund (NLDTF) has performed with respect to the distribution of funds is satisfactory; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

Response:

The statistics indicate that as at the 31 March 2008, over 10 000 grants totaling R5.6 billion have been allocated. The actual payments to beneficiaries totals R4.5 billion. The difference between these two amounts is a result of grants being allocated in staggered multiple payments that are dependant on satisfactory progress.

The statistics reflect that the distribution of funds has been satisfactory. However, we do believe that there is a need to continuously improve the turnaround time between the time taken from application for funds and distribution to approved organizations.