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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 702 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr M J Ellis (DA); is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 26/3/10


DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


MS B P SONJICA, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 29. 03. 2010

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702. Mr M J Ellis (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether the investigation into a certain person (name furnished) of her department has been concluded; if not, why not; if so, (a) when did the investigation begin, (b) who conducted the investigation and (c) what were the findings;
- (2) whether there were any financial costs associated with carrying out the investigation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how much;
- (3) whether every effort has been made to ensure that the investigation was speedily conducted; if not, why not; if so, how was this conclusion reached;
- (4) whether any formal charges have been put to the said person; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, and the draft report of the investigation has been presented to me by the Auditor General's team for initial consideration.
- (1)(a) When this issue was brought to my attention in July 2009, I approached the Minister of Public Service and Administration for guidance to ensure proper handling of the matter. This however coincided with the implementation of the new Government Administration, which required a delicate juggling of these two processes.
- (1)(b) The investigation is being conducted by Price Waterhouse Coopers on behalf of the Auditor-General: South Africa (AGSA).
- (1)(c) My Department will make public the findings of this investigation once the current draft report has been finalised.
- (2) The entire investigation by Price Waterhouse Coopers cost My Department R950,000.00
- (3) Yes, regular feedback is requested by the Acting Director-General, the Advisor to the Minister and the Departmental Legal Advisor. Numerous meetings in this regard were held with AGSA.
- (4) A decision on whether to press charges will be based on the outcome of the final report.

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