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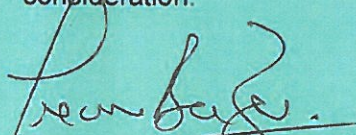
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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 132 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Dr S B Farrow (DA) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 25/03/2013

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 132

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 01)

132. Mr S B Farrow (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) How many legal matters were dealt with by her departments (a) in the (i) 2009-10, (ii) 2010-11 and (iii) 2011-12 financial years and (b) during the period 1 April 2012 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) (a) how many of the specified legal matters were dealt with by (i) the State Attorney and (ii) private attorneys during the specified periods and (b) what are the reasons why her departments were not represented by the State Attorney in each specified case;
- (3) what total amounts were paid by her departments to (a) the State Attorney and (b) private attorneys during the specified periods?

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REPLY:

- (1) The following matters were handled at court by the Department:
 - (i) 2009 to 2010 = 16 cases were handled
 - (ii) 2010 to 2011 = 38 cases were handled
 - (iii) 2011 to 2012 = 32 cases were handled
 - (b) 2012 to 2013 = 27 cases are being handled
- (2)(a)
 - (i) 110 were dealt with by State Attorney.
 - (ii) Only three labor matters were dealt with by private attorneys.
- (2)(b) The three labor matters involved most senior managers in the Department and due to capacity challenges in the State Attorney's office; the Department had to enlist the services of private attorneys.
- (3) The following payments were made by the Department. We must emphasize that these amounts are necessary and were budgeted for given the mandate of the Department.
 - (i) 2009 to 2010 = R2 457 000-00 was paid to the State Attorney and nothing was paid to private attorneys.
 - (ii) 2010 to 2011 = R8 465 000-00 was paid to the State Attorney and R286 140-00 was paid to private attorneys.
 - (iii) 2011 to 2012 = R7 045 000-00 was paid to the State Attorney and R1 205 651.14 was paid to private attorneys.
 - (iv) 2012 to 2013 = The Department has to date paid R7019 000-00 to the State Attorney and R260 599.29 has been paid to private attorneys.

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