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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★316 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr L J Basson (DA) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 18/12/2016

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 14/12/2016

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR ORAL REPLY

QUESTION NO ★316

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★316. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether, since her reply to oral question 103 on 24 August 2016, the Public Protector's investigation into her alleged illegal removal of a certain person (name furnished) from the delegation to the bi-national Lesotho Highlands Water Project Commission has been completed; if not, by what date will it be completed; if so, (a) why did she allegedly remove the specified person illegally from the specified position and (b) what was the total settlement cost to her department in this regard?

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REPLY:

Yes, the investigation of the Public Protector has since been concluded.

- (a) Due to the delays attributable to the Office of the Public Protector whilst the report of was being finalised, Dr Dlaminiactually served her contract until its termination by effluxion of time on 11 October 2016.
- (b) The finding of the public protector on the compensation payable retrospective to 5 May 2009 was quantified and a total gross amount of R2 520 205.89 was found to be due and payable to Dr Dlamini. Upon receipt of a tax directive from South African Receiver and Revenue, on 14 November 2016 a net amount of R1 486 921.84 was paid to Dr Dlamini. Payment of this amount did not constitute a buy-out but it was obligatory for the Department/TCTA to make the necessary adjustment to Dr Dlamini's 2005 salary to be consistent with her extra responsibilities.

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