# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WRITTEN REPLY

**QUESTION NUMBER: 343 [NO2345E]**

**343. Mrs E N Ntlangwini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

What (a) number of cases has his department detected of employers who claimed from the Unemployment Insurance Fund on behalf of employees, but did not pay their employees what was due to them and (b) action has his department taken against the employers? NO2354E

# Reply:

1. The number of cases that have been detected of employers who claimed from Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) on behalf of employees but did not pay their employees what was due to them is 38
2. These cases were subjected to investigation. In 11 of them investigation has been completed. We also came up with the action that we termed ‘Follow The Money’ with its objective of conducting audit on all the payments. Again, the Department and UIF have worked through the Fusion Centre with other government departments, agencies and databases to close gaps and eliminate risks. The Fusion Centre is a combination of law enforcement agencies which is intended to speed up investigation and prosecution of COVID-19 related fraud and corruption cases.

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