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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1071**

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**1071. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

For each of the past three financial years to date, (a) what total amount did the Government Printing Works spend on external legal services, including contracting services and legal opinion services and (b)(i) which three firms received the highest total amounts, (ii) what total amount did each of the three firms receive and (iii) for what legal services in each case? NW1366E

**REPLY:**

The Government Printing Works (GPW) currently has no in-house legal services capacity, however, this situation is being addressed through the revision of the organisational structure which envisages establishing such capacity.

1. The GPW spent a total of R 4 579 563,70 (excl. VAT) in external legal fees over the past 3 financial years, as follows:

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| 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018 | R 1 320 124,48 |
| 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019 | R 2 240 836,50 |
| 1 April 2019 - 31 March 2020 | R 1 018 602,73 |

(b)(i) The following three firms received the highest total amounts over the 3 years in question:

NT Mchunu Incorporated

Masondo Attorneys

De Swardt Vogel Myambo Attorneys

(b)(ii) The abovementioned three firms received the following amounts (excl. VAT) in total over the 3 years in question:

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| NT Mchunu Incorporated | R 1 112 299,05 |
| Masondo-Malope Attorneys | R 1 097 285,08 |
| De Swardt Vogel Myambo Attorneys | R 713 682,11 |

(b)(iii) The legal fees were in respect of the following:

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| **Firm** | **Legal**  **Opinion** | **Contracting Services** | **Other \*** | **Total** |
| NT Mchunu Incorporated | R387 920.08 | R587 435.97 | R136 943.00 | R1 112 299,05 |
| Masondo Attorneys | R 24 335.73 | - | R150 513.15 | R1 097 285,08 |
| De Swardt Vogel Myabo Attorneys | - | R 86 789.63 | R626 892.48 | R 713 ,682.11 |

\* Other refers mostly to cases where the firms were hired to provide a bouquet of legal services over a particular time. Such services included drafting contracts and service level agreements, development of legal policies, contract vetting, and provision of general legal advice.

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