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**QUESTION 1072**

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**1072. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) (a) What were the reasons for the (i) suspension and (ii) subsequent reinstatement of The Hill High School principal in Johannesburg and (b) what were the allegations levelled against him;

(2) whether an investigation was undertaken; if so, (a) by whom, (b) what processes were followed and (c) what were the timelines;

(3) (a) who were all the parties involved, (b) what were the costs to each party and (c) what was the total cost to her department with regard to this matter? NW1209E

**REPLY**

1. (a) (i) and (ii)

The suspension of Hill High School principal was as a result of the alleged financial mismanagement of the school funds. The principal was found guilty and sanctioned to suspension without pay and subsequently returned to work after completing the suspension.

(b) The allegation levelled against him was financial mismanagement of the school funds.

1. (a) Yes, an investigation was undertaken by the Gauteng Department of Education. (b) and (c) An internal investigation was conducted and concluded within 60 days.
2. (a) The principal of the school and the Department were the only parties involved.

(b) and (c) The matter was investigated internally and therefore no costs were incurred by the Department.