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**QUESTION 121**

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**121. Mr D America (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to the reply of the Minister of Public Service and Administration to question 3797 on 21 December 2018, what was the total expenditure incurred by her department relating to the travel privileges contained in the 2007 Ministerial Handbook of former (a)(i) Ministers and (ii) their spouses, (b)(i) Deputy Ministers and (ii) their spouses, (c) Ministers’ widows or widowers and (d) Deputy Ministers’ widows or widowers (i) in each of the past five financial years and (ii) since 1 April 2018? NW126E

**Response**

(a)(i)(ii) (b)(i)(ii) (c) (d) (i) (ii)

Chapter 10 of the *Ministerial Handbook, Handbook for Members of the Executive and Presiding Officers* indicates that the Minister and Deputy Minister are considered former “on the first day following the date on which they relinquished their office”

The political leadership of the Department of Basic Education (DBE) has been constant in the past five financial years and since 1 April 2018 and therefore there is neither a former Minister nor Deputy Minister.