**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**1421. Ms J Edwards (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

**(a) What number of cases of (i) fruitless, (ii) wasteful and (iii) irregular expenditure in her department were identified by the Auditor-General in the (aa) 2014-15, (bb) 2015-16 and (cc) 2016-17 financial years, (b) what was the amount in each case and (c) how much of the specified amount has been recovered in each case?**

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**REPLY:**

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| **Description**  | **aa. 2014/2015** | **bb. 2015/2016** | **cc. 2016/2017** |
| **a. What number of cases of**  |  |  |  |
| 1. Fruitless
 | - | - |  |
| 1. Wasteful
 | - | - |  |
| 1. Irregular
 | - | 1 |  |
| **b. What was the amount of each case?** |  |  |  |
| 1. Fruitless
 | - | None | - |
| 1. Wasteful
 | - | None | - |
| 1. Irregular
 | - | R1 834 000\* | - |
| **c. How much of the specified amount has been recovered in each case?** |  |  |  |
| 1. **Fruitless**
 | - | None | - |
| 1. **Wasteful**
 | - | None | - |
| 1. **Irregular**
 | - | None | *\*Related to the B'avumile training. The department did not comply with paragraph 3.4 of PN 8 of 2007/2008 which requires that for transactions with a value of and above R500 000.00 a competitive bidding process should be followed. An investigation into the matter was conducted and no official was found to have personally benefited and it was confirmed that the department derived value in the form of training provided to beneficiaries.* |