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**QUESTION 1460**

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**1460. Ms E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the President, Mr C M Ramaphosa, to the debate on the State of the Nation Address on 22 February 2018 to implement lifestyle audits, (a) she, (b) senior management service members in her department and/or (c) any of the heads of entities reporting to her have undergone a lifestyle audit in the past three financial years; if not, have any plans been put in place to perform such audits; if so, in each case, what are the details of the (i) date of the lifestyle audit, (ii) name of the person undergoing the audit, (iii) name of the auditing firm conducting the audit and (iv) outcome of the audit;

(2) whether she will furnish Ms E R Wilson with copies of the lifestyle audit reports?

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**RESPONSE**

1. (a) (b) (i) (ii) (ii) and (iv) The Department has taken note following the State of the Nation Address to conduct an audit or implement lifestyle audit starting at Minister and Senior Management level. The Department will engage and work with the law enforcement agency to assist in the lifestyle audit as the Department alone will not have access to review personal information of officials like bank accounts. The fraud risk assessment will be utilised to identify other areas of potential fraud and corruption for the entire Department.

(c) (i) (ii) (ii) and (iv)

**SACE RESPONSE:**

1. C. No – For the past three financial years, the Council did not conduct lifestyle Audits for its Head or Chief Executive Officer.
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. The Council will adhere to the directives and guidance of the Accounting authority in this regard.

**UMALUSI RESPONSE:**

1. (c) The Chief Executive officer of Umalusi has not undergone a lifestyle audit in the past

three financial years. Currently there is no plan in place to perform such an audit in the current financial year.

1. Once the lifestyle audit is conducted and finalised the Minister will determine its circulation.