

**MINISTRY**

**COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1480. Mr M S Mabika (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

(1) What is the total number of izinduna in the Republic;

(2) whether all izinduna are paid by the government; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) who determines the salaries of izinduna and (b) what are the details of the criteria used in this regard? NW1799E

**REPLY:**

1. It is assumed that the Honorable Member is referring to headmen/women as defined in national legislation. According to information received from provinces, there is currently a total of 6 677 headmen/women in the country.
2. All duly recognised headmen/women are paid by the government. It should however be noted that there is a backlog in the payment of headmen/women in Kwa-Zulu Natal. The province is making arrangements to address the matter.
3. The salaries are determined by the Independent Commission on the Remuneration of Public Office Bearers.
4. A job description was developed and approved by the Independent Commission on the Remuneration of Public Office Bearers. This followed a job grading that informed the level at which headmen/women should be paid.