**PARLIAMENTOF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA NATIONALASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FORWRITTENREPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 1528**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 10 JULY 2020**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 24 JULY 2020**

**Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

(1)      Whether a certain person (name and details furnished) was suspended; if not, what is the position in this regard if so, (a)(i) on what date and (ii) for what reason was the person suspended and (b) what has been the cost to the State in terms of remuneration since the person was suspended;

(2)      Whether any official was appointed in an acting capacity; if so, (a) what is the name of the specified official, (b) what is the cost of the post to the State and (c) for how long has the specified official been employed in the specified post;

(3)       Whether any internal investigation has been conducted into the person’s suspension; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, on what date will the case be concluded? NW1899E

**REPLY:**

(1) Yes.

(1)(a)(i) The mentioned official was suspended on 16 August 2019 for unrelated misconduct and re-instated on instruction of the Minister after PSC recommendation in November 2019. The mentioned official was again suspended on 02 December 2019.

(1)(a)(ii) The official was suspended due to him being implicated in investigations conducted by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) under Proclamation10of2018. The Department received multiple disciplinary referrals from the SIU with regards to the official.

(1)(b) The cost to the State in terms of remuneration since the person was suspended is R528367.50

(2) Yes

(2)(a) MrJ.G Smalberger is the name of the official appointed to act in this capacity.

(2)(b) The cost of the post to the Statefrom01November2019todateisR1 014 393.92

(2)(c) The specified official has been employed in the specified post on contract basis since 01 November 2019.

(3) Yes, however due to the fact that the official is implicated in multiple disciplinary referrals the date of conclusion cannot be determined at this stage.