NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 172

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**172. Mr J J Mcgluva (DA)) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) Whether, with reference to the fines that are imposed on airlines for bringing illegal foreigners to the Republic, his department will provide a breakdown of what total amount is owed by each airline in unpaid fines;

(2) (a) what amount in fines is owed (i) for each person and (ii) by each airline and (b) since what date has the specified amounts been outstanding;

(3) whether his department has made any arrangements with regard to any airline that is in arrears; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether his department has taken any action against any airline that is in arrears; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1130E

**REPLY:**

1. Yes, conveyance fines are issued to airlines where such contraventions occur.

(2)(a-b) The breakdown of the fines, from highest to lowest, is contained in the table below:

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| Conveyor | Value of fines issued 50(3) for 2017/18 | Value of fines issued 2016/17 |
| EMIRATES AIRLINE |  6 960 000,00  | 2 670 000,00 |
| SAA |  4 440 000,00  | 2 160 000,00 |
| ETHIOPIAN AIRLINE |  4 095 000,00  | 1 665 000,00 |
| KENYA AIRLINE |  2 340 000,00  | 390 000 |
| BRITISH AIRWAYS |  1 350 000,00  | 975 000 |
| QATAR AIRLINE |  1 335 000,00  | 435 000 |
| RWANDA AIRLINE |  1 215 000,00  | 225 000 |
| ETIHAD AIRLINE |  825 000,00  | 285 000 |

Further detail in respect of the fines cannot be provided due to current challenges with the revenue management reconciliation mechanism. The Department is engaging the National Treasury with a view to implement improved measures, systems and revenue management (reconciliation) mechanism.

1. No arrangements have been made with regards to the “arrears” as fines are not regarded as debt. National Treasury indicated in a letter dated 15 May 2018 that fines are not regarded as debt or revenue due to the Department since it is not money outstanding in respect of products or services rendered.
2. No.

**END**