**National Assembly**

**Question No 1913**

**Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

1. With reference to his reply to question 1212 on 6 May 2022, pertaining to ghost workers at the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa), what is the total amount in remuneration paid to the 3 000 ghost workers from 1 December 2021 to date;

(2) what is the total amount in remuneration paid to the 3 000 ghost workers over the total period they have been on Prasa’s payroll? NW2135E

**REPLY**

* + - 1. Prasa has concluded the first phase of project Ziveze verification where employees were asked to present themselves in person and submit qualifications and ID copies for verification and vetting.

The process is now on the second phase where salaries of all employees who failed to present themselves were locked at the April 2022 pay day. Subsequent to the locking of salaries some employees presented themselves with the necessary information for verification.

Part of this phase is that Internal Audit is auditing the project processes until July 2022. In addition PRASA has commenced with a forensic investigation.

The detailed reports with financial impact will be submitted on conclusion of the forensic audit.

* + - 1. A report detailing the final numbers of unverified employees; the salaries paid from inception to April 2022; the loss suffered by the organisation shall be made available on conclusion of the forensic audit. It must be noted that employees have been coming in for verification after salaries were locked on 27 April 2022.