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**Mr S C Motau (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

(1) What total amount (a) did her department spend on *Breaking New Ground* magazine (i) in each of the past three financial years and (ii) since 1 April 2018 and (b) was spent on the (i) compilation; (ii) publication and (iii) payment of the writing contributors:

(2) What total amount (a) did her department spend on the *Breaking New Ground* television(i) in each of the past three financial years and (ii) since 1 April 2018 and (b) was spent on the (i) production (ii) publication and (iii) payment of the presenter of the series, Mr Eric Myeni? **NW2168E**

**REPLY**

(1) (a) Total amount the Department spent on *Breaking New Ground* magazine

(i) In each of the past three financial years was:

1. 2015/2016 – R0.00
2. 2016/2017 – R0.00
3. 2017/2018 - R812 000.00

(ii) Since 1 April 2018 - R315 000.00

(b) Total spent on the

(i) Compilation: R0.00 – the magazine is compiled internally

(ii) Publication: R0.00 – the publication is done internally

(iii) Payment of the writing contributors: R0.00 – the Department does not pay writers or contributors

(2) (a) Total Department spent on the *Breaking New Ground* television

(i) In each of the past three financial years and

A. 2015/2016 – R5 000 000.00

B. 2016/2017 – R3 000 000.00

C. 2017/2018 - R2 760 000. 00

(ii) Since 1 April 2018 – R1 680 000.00

(b) Total spent on the

(i) Production – R220 000 an episode

(ii) Payment of the presenter of the series, Mr Eric Myeni? The Department is not privy to the contractual arrangements between Mr Myeni and the service provider producing BNG TV.