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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 2106**

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**2106. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) Whether, in view of the importance of investment in the youth of the Republic and the welcome budget increase of the Sub-programme: Youth from R25,5 million in the 2021-22 financial year to R42,4 million in the 2022-23 financial year, she will furnish Ms A L A Abrahams with a detailed breakdown on (a) how the budget for the 2021-22 financial year was (i) allocated and (ii) spent and (b) how the 2022-23 budget will be allocated and spent; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what are the details of any underspending in the 2021-22 financial year? NW2511E

**REPLY (1):**

Budget for 2021-2022 financial year

The Sub-Programme Youth in the allocation for 2021-2022 allocated the funds according to the Goods and Services, which were programmes and interventions for youth across the country; compensation of employed staff and equipment needed for execution of tasks in the department. The allocation is as reflected below:

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| **DIR : YOUTH 2021/22** |  Current Budget | Total Expenditure | Available Budget | Percentage |
| COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES | 4 103 | 4 152 | -49 | **101.19%** |
| GOODS AND SERVICES | 9 568 | 4 529 | 5 039 | **47.33%** |
| HOUSEHOLDS(HH) |   |   | 0 |  |
| MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT | 45 |  -  | 45 | **0.00%** |
| **TOTAL** | **13 716** | **8 681** | **5 035** | **63.29%** |

Budget for 2022-2023 financial year

The Sub-Programme Youth in the allocation for 2022-2023 allocated the funds according to the Goods and Services, which are programmes and interventions for youth across the country; compensation of employed staff and equipment needed for execution of tasks in the department. The allocation and expenditure is as reflected below:

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| **DIR : YOUTH 2022/23** | Current Budget | Total Expenditure | Available Budget | Percentage |
| COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES | 3 858 | 328 | 3 530 | **8.50%** |
| GOODS AND SERVICES | 8 701 | 545 | 8 156 | **6.26%** |
| HOUSEHOLDS(HH) |   |   | 0 |  |
| MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT | 48 |  -  | 48 | **0.00%** |
| **TOTAL** | **12 607** | **873** | **11 734** | **6.92%** |

 REPLY (2)

What are the details of any underspending in the 2021-22 financial year?

The financial year 2021-2022 reflects underspending due to the following reasons:

There was no facilitated National Camp as a mobilization strategy for youth due to (i) the Department embarked on the process of appointing a service provider for conducting the Design and Implementation Evaluation of Youth Camps in order to determine the impact of camps over the years since 2012-2019. The appointment of the Service provider to conduct the evaluation of camps delayed due to no responses from the advertisements. Lack of a Service provider to deliver a skills development training on Business Management also resulted in 2021-2022 underspending. The hosting of provincial engagements further led to underspending due to COVID restrictions as well provincial competing priorities.