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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

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Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

What is the total (a) number of government employees in her department who are being paid whilst on undue and/or extended periods of sick leave and (b) cost to the Government in each case?

215. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

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1. No employees are on undue sick leave. Five employees are on approved incapacity leave due to injuries or illness.
2. The total cost to the department is as follows:

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| Employee | Period of absence | Cost |
| 1 | November 2018 to July 2019 | R342 214.98 |
| 2 | September 2018 to July2019 | R814 071.95 |
| 3 | February to July 2019 | R154 125.00 |
| 4 | February to July 2019 | R240933.60 |
| 5 | February to July 2019 | R138 725.82 |
| Total |  | R1690 071.35 |

Branch: Fisheries

1. None.
2. None.

Branch: Forestry

(a) There are three officials in the Eastern Cape and one in Limpopo who applied for extended sick leave/temporary incapacity leave and receiving payment.

(c) Of cials who applied for extended sick leave are paid as follows:

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| No. | Province | Type of leave | Amount |
| 1. | Limpopo and Mpumalanga (fromNovember 2017 to date) | Temporary Incapacityleave | R136 065.00 |
| 2. | Eastern Cape (from December 2018 todate) | Extended sick leave | R217 850.55 |
| 3. | Eastern Cape (from December 2018 todate) | Extended sick leave | R238 756.75 |
| 4. | Eastern Cape (from June 2018 to date) | Extended sick leave | R196 330.59 |
| Total: |  |  | R789 002.89 |

Regards

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MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES