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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2195**

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**2195. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Whether, in respect of each engagement in the 2021-22 financial year between his department and the Unions, he will furnish Mr A C Roos with a list detailing the (a) dates of the meetings, (b) participating Unions and stakeholder organisations, (c) resolutions of each meeting, (d) outstanding issues, (e) next steps and (f) timeline for the resolution of the issues in order for the Home Affairs offices to reopen on Saturdays as it has been almost five years since his department and Unions engaged on the issue; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW2602E

**REPLY:**

There has been no engagement in the 2021-22 financial year.

The last engagement between the Department of Home Affairs and Organised Labour on this matter was on 3 November 2020, at the General Public Service Sector Bargaining Council, GPSSBC.

The minutes of the said meeting noted a concern from Organised Labour and this resulted in Unions invoking Clause 17, thus declaring a dispute on the matter. An agreement was reached by both Labour and the Department that this matter should be facilitated by the GPSSBC. The Department has approached Organised Labour to reopen this matter for further engagement.

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