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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 2235 [NW2651E]**

**2235. Ms C N Mkhonto (EFF) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

What total amount (a) has the (i) department, (ii) Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) and (iii) Compensation Fund spent on legal cases in the past five years and (b) of the specified legal fees were as a result of cases brought against the department, UIF and/or Compensation Fund? NW2651E

REPLY:

1. The Department of Employment and Labour incurred the R 68, 391, 612.98 in respect of legal fees.

* The table below shows a breakdown of the legal fees paid for a five period:

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| **2017/18** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** | **Total** |
| R 12 795 110.78 | R 16 062 038.78 | R 14 247 235.29 | R 9 443 086.69 | R 15 844 141.44 | **R 68 391 612.98** |

1. The Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) has in the past five years spent a total amount of R 6, 344, 778.21 on legal cases brought to UIF.

* The table below shows a breakdown of the legal fees paid for a five period:

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| **2017/18** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** | **Total** |
| R554,456.83 | R401,667.71 | R1,493,572.20 | R1,646,577.75 | R2,248,503.72 | **R6,344,778.21** |

1. The Compensation Fund spent R 50 885 557.69 on legal costs in the past five years; and all these fees were as a result of cases brought against the Fund.