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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2296**

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**2296. Mr A C ROOS (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

With reference to the (a) Justice Moseneke Inquiry on Free and Fair Local Government Elections during COVID-19, (b) Ministerial Advisory Committee Report on Electoral Reform, (c) Task Team to review some permits that were issued by his department since 2004 and (d) investigation within the Government Printing Works (GPW) on the loss of financial data and loss of curricula vitae, what (i) were the total costs incurred and (ii) were the (aa) fees billed and (bb) scope of the deliverables of each external service provider and/or individual? NW2713E

**REPLY:**

1. **Justice Moseneke Inquiry on Free and Fair Local Government Elections during COVID-19**
2. The total fees incurred were R 2 544 169,09

(ii)(aa) Justice Moseneke waived his entitlement of R 800 000 being fees payable to him in favour of the University of Pretoria while R 849 000 was paid to the team of researchers and administrative support personnel.

(bb) The deliverable in respect of the Moseneke Inquiry was a report in terms of section 14(4) of the Electoral Commission Act 51 of 1996 on the likelihood or otherwise that the Commission would be able to ensure that the general elections of municipal councils in 2021 would be free and fair in view of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Justice Moseneke presented the report on 20 July 2021.

(b&c) **Ministerial Advisory Committee Report on Electoral Reform and Task Team to review some permits that were issued by his department since 2004**

1. Total expenditure budget allocated to both committees is R10 000 000 per annum and Total expenditure costs incurred for both committees is R9 144 000.

 (ii)(aa) Fees were billed in line with National Treasury regulations and DPSA hourly fee rates for such Committees.

 (ii)(bb) **Ministerial Advisory Committee on Electoral Reform**

 The Honourable Roos is part of the Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs and the report will be tabled before the Committee in due course.

(ii)(bb) **Task Team to review some permits that were issued by his department since 2004**

 The Honourable Roos is a member of the Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs and the report of the Task Team will be tabled before the Committee in due course.

**(d) Investigation within the Government Printing Works (GPW on the loss of financial data:**

1. The total budget allocated was R 3 771 156,70.

(ii)(aa) The review panels’ remunerations were determined in accordance with National Treasury regulations and DPSA hourly rates for Committees. .

(ii)(bb)The Honourable Roos is part of the Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs and the report will be tabled before the Committee in due course.

**Loss of Curricula Vitae**

* An internal investigation was done by the Security Management Unit and the matter was also further referred to the Hawks. No external service provider was utilized to do investigation.
* Consequently, no financial implications were incurred by the GPW.

**END**