**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2669**

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**Mr A P van der Westhuizen (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

(1) (a) How many houses have been built for executives at the University of Zululand and (b) for each house, (i) what are the names of the Executive which the house was built for, (ii) what was the cost of the house, (iii) when was each house built and (iv) what amount was spent on furnishing the house;

(2) how were the costs of (a) building, (b) furnishing and (c) other expenses measured to the costs associated with a mid-level home in the same area?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) The University of Zululand (UniZulu) has provided the following information indicating that nine (9) houses were purchased for executive staff members as reflected in the table below:

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| (b) | 1. **Name of Executive who occupies the house**
 | 1. **Cost**
 | 1. **When was each house built**
 | 1. **Amount spent on furnishings**
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| 1 | Vice-Chancellor | R5 000 000.00 | February 2016 | The total amount spent on all furnishings were R1 329 566.00. Average amount spent per property was R147 729.55. |
| 2 | Registrar | R2 100 000.00 |
| 3 | Executive Director: Human Resources | R2 600 000.00 |
| 4 | DVC: Research and Innovation | R2 750 000.00 |
| 5 | DVC: Institutional Support | R3 100 000.00 |
| 6 | DVC: Teaching and Learning | R2 950 000.00 |
| 7 | Executive Director: Institutional Planning | R3 000 000.00 | March 2016 |
| 8 | Executive Director: Finance | R2 700 000.00 |

One additional house is currently under construction for an amount of R700 000.00. The University has not indicated which executive staff member will occupy this house.

1. The average mid-level income rental in Mtunzini ranges between R10 000.00 to R20 000.00 per month. If the University had rented the 9 properties instead of purchasing the properties as an investment, the University would have spent approximately R10 500 000.00 on rentals for executives over a 5-year period, which is made up as follows:

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| **Rental allowances** | **Unit** | **Rate** | **Total** |
| Vice-Chancellor | 1 | R25 000.00 pm x 60 months | R1 500 000.00 |
| Deputy Vice Chancellors | 3 | R20 000.00 pm x 60 months | R3 600 000.00 |
| Executive Directors | 5 | R18 000.00 pm x 60 months | R5 400 000.00 |
| **Totals** | **9** |  | **R10 500 000.00** |

The total cost of the properties amounted to R24.2 million, which the University has argued that over the long term this is a good investment to ensure that there is an effective retention strategy for executive staff members.

**COMPILER DETAILS**

NAME AND SURNAME:

CONTACT:

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Minister signs Parliamentary Question 2669.

MR GF QONDE

DIRECTOR–GENERAL: HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DATE:

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION 2669 IS APPROVED / NOT APPROVED / AMENDED.

COMMENTS

PROF HB MKHIZE, MP

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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