

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**“2762. Mr J N de Villiers (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

**What total amount has her department spent on external consultants in the period 1 May 2019 to 31 May 2022?” NW3346E**

**REPLY: I have been advised by the department as follows:**

The Department of Small Business Development (DSBD) spent a total of R4 512 571.93 on consultants from 1 May 2019 to 31 May 2022, as tabulated below:

| **DSBD Consultants services - 1 May 2019 to 31 May 2022** |
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| **Item**  | **Purpose** | **Amount in Rands** |
| Audit committee | * Audit related functions
 | 773 254,15  |
| HRM services | * Employee, Health and Wellness related matters
 | 307 570,81  |
| Occupational health | * Training
 | 7 900,00  |
| Organisational structure | * BBBEE Verification
 | 54 625,00  |
| Qualification verification | * Payment for candidate verification
 | 146 980,38  |
| Research and advisory | * Appointment of a service provider to provide an overview of the economic challenges experienced by SMME's cooperatives in South Africa and a comparative analysis of policy responses of at least three (3) countries at a similar stage of development and propose suitable policy responses to DSBD for a period of six (6) months.
* Appointment of a service provider to undertake a study on an analysis and assessment of barriers to entry for small, macro and medium enterprise and cooperatives to economic opportunities and to draft a policy framework.
* Update the IDBS Policy and Package for Gazzette.
* Appointment of a service provider to assist the Department with the strengthening of the Red Tape Reduction strategy.
* SMME Annual Review.
* Financial Literature and Context Review.
* Provision of human resources within the Office of the Director-General to render Secretariat functions for a period of 12 months.
 | 3 118 601,60  |
| Translate and transcription | * Interpretation and sign language services
 | 103 639,99  |
| **TOTAL** |  |  **4 512 571,93**  |

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**MINISTER: SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOMENT**