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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

What are the full details of (a) the status of the legal challenge against his department by a certain official (name and details furnished) and (b) any other legal actions taken by his department against (i) former and (ii) current members of staff?**NW302E**

**REPLY:**

**I have been advised by the Department as follows:-**

1. Mr. Buthelezi lodged a dispute of unfair dismissal with the General Public Service Sectoral Bargaining Council and the arbitration is ongoing.
2. (i)The Department has taken action against Mr. Buthelezi in order to recover unauthorised expenditure incurred by the Department. The Department’s decision to recover the legal costs incurred in the labour court case between Mr Wisani Ngobeni, (a former employee of the Department) and the Department is under review.

(ii) No other legal action is being taken against current employees.