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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2845**

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**2845. Ms D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) What total amount was spent by her department on legal fees in the (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-2014 and (c) 2014-15 financial years;

(2) what amount was spent by her department on any court action in appeal cases during the specified period;

(3) what (a) number of cases was lost and (b) amount was spent on the specified cases during the specified period;

(4) (a) how many cases were won, (b) how many cases were settled out of court and (c) what was the cost of the settlement in each case? NW3318E

Question 1

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| FINANCIAL YEAR | AMOUNT |
| 1. 2012/2013 | R 1 836 790 |
| 1. 2013/2014 | R 2 667 734 |
| 1. 2014/2015 | R 2 514 751 |

Question 2

The Department did not take any cases on appeal during this period.

Question 3

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| FINANCIAL YEAR | 1. CASES LOST | 1. AMOUNT SPENT |
| 1. 2012/2013 | 1 | R 605 231 |
| 1. 2013/2014 | 0 | Not applicable |
| 1. 2014/2015 | 0 | Not applicable |

Question 4

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| FINANCIAL  YEAR | 1. CASES WON | 1. SETTLED OUT OF COURT | 1. COST SETTLEMENT |
| 1. 2012/2013 | 4 | 4 | R 432 039 (spent on legal fees) |
| 1. 2013/2014 | 3 | 3 | R 350 741 |
| 1. 2014/2015 | 2 | 1 | 0 |