**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER:** **2886 [NW3020E]**

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**2886. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(1) What is the total cost to the fiscus of (a) the nine provincial legislatures in the 2022-23 financial year and (b) each legislature with regard to (i) salaries of Members of the Provincial Legislature (MPLs), (iii) support offered to MPLs, (iii) the operating costs of each legislature and (iv) staff salaries of each provincial legislature;

(2) what is the total cost to the fiscus of the (a) official vehicles allocated to Members of the Executive Council (MECs) of each provincial legislature, (b)(i) Speakers and (ii) Deputy Speakers in each of the nine provincial legislatures and (c) protectors and drivers provided to MECs of each of the nine provinces?

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**REPLY**

(1)(a)(b) Detailed in the table 1 below is the cost for the Legislatures broken into compensation of employees for MPLs as well as other officials, political support and operational costs for the 2022/23 financial year. A cost to the Legislatures in terms of political support amounts to R675 million. In terms of operational costs (goods and services as well as payments for capital assets) an amount of R1.1 billion has been set aside. The total main appropriation for the Legislatures amounts to R4 billion.



(2) The National Treasury does not have this information readily available in its possession, therefore, we recommend that this type of information be requested from Provincial Legislatures and Provincial Treasuries.