**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 3507**

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**3507. Ms K Robertson (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

(1) What number of employees of (i) his department, (ii) each provincial Department of Rural Development and Land Reform and (iii) each entity reporting to him are currently on suspension, (b) what are the reasons for the suspensions in each case, (c) what amount has been paid to each suspended employee for the period of suspension and (d) for what length of time has each specified employee been on suspension;

(2) What number of employment contracts of employees of (a) his department, (b) each provincial Department of Rural Development and Land Reform and (c) each entity reporting to him were terminated due to them being found guilty of corruption since 1 April 2014? NW3934E

**THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM:**

1. (a) (i),(ii) National and Provincial Offices of Department of Rural Development and Land Reform : 12

(iii) Ingonyama Trust Board (ITB): 6

Land Claims Commission (LCC): 2

Deeds: 2

(b),(c),(d) Refer to the table below for details regarding the reasons, the amounts paid, and the length of time of suspension for the employees of the Department, provinces and entities reporting to the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform. One employee at the ITB was employed on a fixed-term contract which expired before disciplinary action could be taken.

1. (a),(b) None.

(c) LCC: 1

| **Number** | **Department, Province & Entity 1(i), (ii) &(iii)** | **Reasons for the Suspension 1(b)** | **Salaries paid to Suspended employees 1(c)** | **Duration of Suspension 1(d)** |
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| **NATIONAL OFFICE** | | | | |
|  | National Office | Possible interference with the investigation and witnesses | R581 315.06 | 5 Months |
|  | National Office | Possible interference with the investigation and witnesses | R526 716.96 | 5 Months |
|  | National Office | Possible interference with the investigation and witnesses | R568 925.78 | 4 Months |
|  | National Office | Possible interference with the investigation and witnesses | R1 251 186.00 | 1. Months |
| **WESTERN CAPE** | | | | |
| 5. | Western Cape | Possible interference with the investigations and witnesses | R165 250 | 2 Months |
| **EASTERN CAPE** | | | | |
| 6. | Eastern Cape | Possible interference with the investigations and witnesses | R72 075.25 | 1 Month |
| 7. | Eastern Cape | Possible interference with the investigations and witnesses | R68 926.50 | 1 Month |
| 8. | Eastern Cape | Possible interference with the investigations and witnesses | R551 358.78 | 14 Months |
| 9. | Eastern Cape | Possible interference with the investigation and witnesses | R846 217.61 | 13 Months |
| 10. | Eastern Cape | Possible interference with the investigation and witnesses | R1 144 449.59 | 13 Months |
| **LIMPOPO** | | | | |
| 11. | Limpopo | Possible interference with the investigations and witnesses | R17 271.00 | 2 Months |
| 12. | Limpopo | Possible interference with the investigations and witnesses | R25 436.75 | 2 Months |
| **DEEDS PTA (GP)** | | | | |
| 13. | Deeds | Possible interference with the investigation and witnesses | R415 791.28 | 4 Months |
| 14 | Deeds | Possible interference with the investigation and witnesses | R303 355.32 | 4 Months |
| **RLCC(GP)** | | | | |
| 15. | RLCC | Possible interference with the investigation and witnesses | R169 053.00 | 4 Months |
| **LCC(KZN)** | | | | |
| 16. | Kwazulu Natal | Possible interference with the investigations and witnesses | R87 415.30 | 3 Months |
| **TABLE 2: INGONYAMA TRUST BOARD** | | | | |
| 17. | KZN | Pending disciplinary hearing relating to irregularities in discharge of duties | R 493 920.06 | 14 Months |
| 18. | KZN | Pending disciplinary hearing relating to irregularities in discharge of duties | R 724 984.75 | 14 Months |
| 19. | KZN | Pending disciplinary hearing relating to irregularities in discharge of duties | R493 920.06 | 14 Months |
| 20. | KZN | Pending disciplinary hearing relating to irregularities in discharge of duties | R274 489.11 | 14 Months |
| 21. | KZN | Pending disciplinary hearing relating to irregularities in discharge of duties | R398 135.52 | 14 Months |
| 22. | KZN | Pending disciplinary hearing relating to irregularities in discharge of duties | R398 135.52 | 14 Months |