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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr CD Matsepe (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

With reference to his reply to question 678 on 27 March 2018, what is the (a) status of the legal challenge lodged by former Deputy DG, Mr Gift Buthelezi, against his dismissal and (b) total amount spent by his department in defence of the challenge to date.

**REPLY:**

I have been advised by the Department as follows:

1. Mr Buthelezi lost his case with the arbitration process at the GPSSBC and is now challenging the outcome of the arbitration in the Labour Court. Legal counsel was appointed to defend the case of the Department.
2. Total amount paid toward legal cost is R791,283.90

**Approved / not approved**

**Ms S Ndabeni - Abrahams**

**MINISTER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS & POSTAL SERVICES**

**DATE: 03/12/2018**