**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 3551**

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**Dr G A Grootboom (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

With reference to the board members of the Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sports Sector Education and Training Authority having reportedly spent public funds on their families, (a) what amount of public funds was spent on family members of each specified board member, (b) have any of the funds been recouped and (c) what (i) actions have been taken against the specified board members who misappropriated funds and (ii) measures have been put in place to prevent such actions in the future?

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**REPLY:**

1. The investigation commissioned by the Administrator of the Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sports Sector Education and Training Authority (CATHSSETA) found no wrongdoing by Board members, but instead made certain findings against some senior staff members of CATHSSETA.
2. Not applicable.
3. (i) Staff members implicated by the findings were formally charged and have since left the organisation.

(ii) To prevent the occurrence of similar fraudulent activities in the future, the Administrator developed new policies and amended existing policies, such as:

* **Risk Management**

A Risk Management Framework was developed to address identified shortcomings in the risk register, fraud prevention policy and procedures, and risk management policy.

* **Discretionary Grant Allocations**

A Discretionary Grant Policy and Procedures was developed to guide the allocation of discretionary funding.

* **Financial Management and Procurement Procedures**

These procedures were amended to improve financial management.

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