###### National Assembly

###### Question Number: 3555

**3555. Ms L V James (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

With reference to a certain court case (details furnished), (a) what are the costs of the specified court case to date, (b) what are the reasons for the costs, (c) what are the relevant details of the cost orders to date and (d)(i) why is a certain company (name furnished) applying for leave to appeal the ruling and (ii) what has he found to be the reason for the specified application? NW3983E

**Reply:**

 (a) The costs are unknown at this stage as the Department is yet to receive the accounts of the Departmental Advocates from the State Attorney.

(b) The costs are for the services rendered to the Department by the Advocates.

(c) The Court ordered the Department to pay the costs of Comair and the Court Order became suspended when the Department filed the leave to appeal through the State Attorney.

(d)(i) Another Court could come to a different conclusion as the High Court may have erred in concluding that the Air Services Licensing Council has taken a decision to suspend a license of an applicant (Comair), when there was an existing interim order directing the Air Service Licensing Council not to take a decision.

(d)(ii) The Air Service Licensing Council ought to be allowed the space to make a decision on the shareholding issue to ensure clarity and finality on the matter.