**Mr W T I Mafanya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) (a) What (i) total number of employees are on suspension at the Cross Border Road Transport Agency and (ii) are their job levels, (b)(i) how long has each employee been on suspension and (ii) what is the progress of the disciplinary hearings and (c) what total amount has the agency spent on salaries of the specified employees since their suspension;

(2) whether the employees whose disciplinary hearings have been concluded are back at work; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?NW4482E

**REPLY**

1. (a) (i) The Cross Border Road Transport Agency (C-BRTA) has 6 employees who are currently on suspension and relate to 2019 legacy investigations on irregular appointments within the Agency that happened in the prior financial years. Some were reported by employees during the course of the investigations. One case relates to one employee that was reported through the Public Service Commission Hotline for failure to disclose criminal record and not having requisite qualifications.

(a)(ii) 2 are Senior Managers,1 is a Manager, 2 are junior employees, and 1 is a specialist.

(bi) The duration of the suspensions for the employees are as follows:

3 Employees – 5 months, 8 days,

1 Employee-5 months, 7 days,

1 Employee- 4 months, 11 days

1 Employee 1 month,11 days

(bii) 4 matters have been finalised,1 is awaiting ruling, and 1 is ongoing.

(c) The breakdown of the total amount spent on salaries for each employee since their suspension is highlighted below:

1xR86 518.95 = R432 594.75

1x R52 742.87

1x R24 617.53= R123 087.65

1x R43 146.85=R172 587.40

1x R75 653.19 =R 378 265.95

1x R 66 100.56 = R330 502.80

(2) Where the disciplinary hearings have been concluded, the C-BRTA is still studying the judgements and will consult the governance structures accordingly.