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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms BS Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

(a) What is the total amount that was (i) budgeted for and (ii) spent on his private office (aa) in each of the past three financial years and (bb) since 1 April 2017 and (b) what was the (i) remuneration, (ii) salary level, (iii) job title, (iv) qualification and (v) job description of each employee appointed in his private office in each of the specified periods? NW395E

**REPLY**

**I have been informed by the Department as follows:**

The Ministerial Handbook provides guidelines on the appointment of the staff in the Private Office. It equally provides the recommended salary levels of each post. The salary levels are adjusted on an annual basis as prescribed in the Public Service Regulations.

The Office of the Minister has eight of the ten staff members allowed in the Ministerial Handbook. In line with the Protection of Personal Information Act (PoPi) and the Basic Conditions of Employment Act I am unable to provide the members with such confidential information in the manner it is requested.

I however draw the honourable member to the Department’s Annual Report wherein the organogram of the department provides the information required. Should it be insufficient, the department will make the personal files of the officials available for further scrutiny by the Auditor-General as prescribed by the Act.

**Approved/ not approved**

**Dr Siyabonga Cwele, MP**

**Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services**

**Date:**