**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 389**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 23 FEBRAURY 2018**

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**Mr M G P Lekota (Cope) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

Were the state attorneys, that were representing the State at the Life Esidimeni Arbitration hearings, instructed to oppose the granting of constitutional damages to the victims and families of the victims; if so, what informed this stance?

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**REPLY:**

The Honorable Member is informed that the State Attorneys did not represent the State at the Life Esidimeni Arbitration hearings. The Gauteng Provincial Department of Health was represented by Werksman’s Attorneys.

The State Attorneys were involved to a limited extent in appointing the evidence leaders to assist the arbitrator.