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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**Minister**

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**Reply compiled by: Chief Director: Corporate Management**

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**Reply:**

The Auditor-General of South Africa found that the underspending on Goods and Services in departmental Programmes was due to COVID-19 implications and not a lack of strategic planning or under-capacitated human resources. Given the suspension of all COVID-19 restrictions, the Department shall take all necessary measures to ensure that allocated funds are appropriately spent.

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**Approved by Minister**

**Ms M Nkoana-Mashabane, MP**

**Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**