

**MINISTRY: PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**DATE: 29 JULY 2019**

**QUESTION NO.:426**

**Mrs M O CLARKE (DA)TO ASK THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:**

Whether the Public Service Commission has received the financial disclosures from each Director-General of each Government department for the current financial year; if not, (a) which Director-General has not submitted a financial disclosure yet, (b) from which department and (c) what action has the Commission taken to ensure that the Directors-General comply with the Financial Disclosure Framework? **NW1398E**

**REPLY:**

As at 31 May 2019, the PSC received **45** financial disclosures forms of the Directors-General (DGs) at national and provincial level. Selected posts of DG were vacant.

1. and (b) The PSC did not receive the financial disclosure forms of **8** DGs at national level. Of these, **7** DGs complied with Regulation 18(2) by disclosing their registrable interests on or before 30 April 2019, but their EAs did not submit copies of the financial disclosure forms to the PSC by 31 May 2019 as required by Regulation 18 (6). The extent of **non-disclosure** with the requirements of Regulation 18(2) and (6) is illustrated in **Table 1** below.

*Table 1***:** *The extent of non-compliance by Heads of Department and/or EAs with the requirement to submit financial disclosure forms in respect of the 2018/2019 financial year*

| No. | DEPARTMENT | DATE OF DISCLOSURE BY THE HoD | DATE SUBMITTED TO THE PSC BY THE EA |
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| 1. | Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries | 29 April 2019  Complied | **Not submitted to PSC**  Not yet submitted to EA by Ethics Officer |
| 2. | Communications | 16 April 2019  Complied | **Not submitted to PSC**  Not yet submitted to EA by Ethics Officer |
| 3. | Defence | 26 April 2019  Complied | **Not submitted to PSC**  Submitted to EA by Ethics Officer on 03 May 2019 |
| 4. | Energy | 15 April 2019  Complied | **Not submitted to PSC**  Submitted to EA by Ethics Officer on 31 May 2019 |
| 5. | Health | 18 April 2019  Complied | **Submitted to PSC by EA on 14 August 2019** (after due date) |
| 6. | Public Enterprises | 30 April 2019  Complied | **Submitted to PSC by EA on 04 June 2019** (after due date) |
| 7. | Public Service and Administration | 26 April 2019  Complied | **Not submitted to PSC**  Submitted to EA by Ethics Officer on 14 May 2019 |
| 8. | State Security Agency | **Citing security reasons** | **Not submitted to PSC** |

1. ThePSC is constant contact with the Ethics Officers reminding them to ensure that their respective departments comply with the Financial Disclosure Framework (FDF). Ethics Officers in departments have been assigned specific duties to assist the HoDs and EAs with the implementation of the FDF. The PSC continuously made follow-up with the Ethics Officers where the submission of financial disclosures was moving slowly. The Ethics Officers and SMS members are also sensitised on the importance of complying with the deadlines for the submission of the financial disclosures through workshops that are conducted in the departments.