

**MINISTRY**

**PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Department of Public Works l Central Government Offices l 256 Madiba Street l Pretoria l Contact: +27 (0)12 406 1627 l Fax: +27 (0)12 323 7573

Private Bag X9155 l CAPE TOWN, 8001 l RSA 4th Floor Parliament Building l 120 Plein Street l CAPE TOWN l Tel: +27 21 402 2219 Fax: +27 21 462 4592

[www.publicworks.gov.za](http://www.publicworks.gov.za)

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 433 [NW470E]**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO.: 04 of 2023**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 24 FEBRUARY 2023**

**DATE OF REPLY: MARCH 2023**

**433. Ms S J Graham (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

(1) With respect to the Property and Construction Industry Policy and Research Branch of her department, what is the allocated budget for Construction Policy and Research separate from the transfers to the Property Management Trading Entity and the entities reporting to her;

(2) what costs were incurred for legal researchers and consultants who have done the legislative work of the branch in the (a)(i) 2019-20, (ii) 2020-21 and (iii) 2021-22 financial years and (b) first half of the 2022-23 financial year?

**NW472E**

**REPLY:**

**433. The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure**

I have been informed by the Departmentthatthe break-down of the Goods and Services budget is provided for below, for the period 2019/20 to 2022/23 for each of the three (3) units within the Property, Research and Regulation (PRR) Branch.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **#** | **UNIT** | **GOODS AND SERVICES BUDGET/ YEAR** | | | |
| ***2019/20*** | ***2020/21*** | ***2021/22*** | ***2022/23*** |
| 1. | Construction Sector Regulation (CSR) | 7 687 000 | 6 499 000 | 3 000 000 | 3 000 000 |
| 2. | Property Sector Regulation (CSR) | 7 780 000 | 6 661 000 | 4 000 000 | 4 000 000 |
| 3. | Office of the DDG | 1 024 000 | 1 087 000 | 1 000 000 | 1 000 000 |
| **TOTAL** | | **16 491 000** | **14 247 000** | **8 000 000** | **8 000 000** |

Legal consultants provide various services including legislative drafting to the Department of Public works and Infrastructure (DPWI). The function and the budget for these services reside with the Chief Directorate: Legal Services (CD: LS). Legislative drafting undertaken for the PRR Branch are consistent with activities in the Annual Performance Plan (APP) and Annual Operation Plan (AOP). The costs incurred by DPWI for the services of legal consultants encompasses any of the following services: drafting of legal opinions, consultations, legislative drafting & presentation to the Portfolio Committee based on the following projects:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **No.** | **Legal Consultancy** | **Financial Year** | | | | **ITEM TOTAL** |
| ***2019/2020*** | ***2020/2021*** | ***2021/2022*** | ***2022/2023*** |
| 1. | Expropriation Bill | R170 634, 25 | R166 405.00 | R227 010.00 | R325 295.00 | ***R889 344.25*** |
| 2. | Law Reform Report | - | - | R203 550,00 | - | ***R203 550.00*** |
| 3. | Draft Construction Industry Development Board Amendment Bill | - | R64 900.00 | R142 145.00 | R103 385.00 | ***R310 430.00*** |
| 4. | Draft Public Works Bill | - | - | - | R223 100.00 | ***R223 100.00*** |
| **Sub-Total** | | ***R170 634, 25*** | ***R231 305.00*** | ***R572 705.00*** | ***R651 780.00*** | ***R1 626 424.25*** |
| **TOTAL** | | **R1 626 424.25** | | | | |

The total amount of R1 626 424.25 was the cost incurred for legal researchers and consultants who undertook legislative work of the branch.