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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 476 [NW658E]**

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**476. Ms B M van Minnen (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

(1) What measures and guidelines has she in collaboration with the Minister in The Presidency put in place to prevent financial mismanagement and fraud regarding State and official funerals in accordance with the instructions she gave in November 2019 and her report during the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on 3 March 2020;

(2) on what date will the process be completed;

(3) (a) what are the details of the expenditure limits or caps that have been placed on State and official funerals and (b) how were the limits determined;

(4) what (a) is the total number of State and official funerals that her Department paid in the past two financial years and (b) amount was spent on each funeral;

(5) with reference to the total expenditure on State and official funerals in the past two financial years, what (a) amount has been found to (i) comprise irregular expenditure and (ii) be deviations due to procurement shortcomings and (b) was the difference between the quoted amounts and the actual expenditure for each specified funeral? **NW658E**

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**REPLY:**

**The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

1. ; (2) The work to finalise measures and guidelines is still in progress and meetings between myself and the Minister in the Presidency ongoing. The guidelines will be completed and first presented to the Cabinet for consideration before it is implemented.

(3) (a) The Department developed *‘Cost norms and standard for the provision of infrastructure for State and Official Funerals’* document that is aligned to the State, Official and Provincial Official Funeral Policy Manual. The manual was sent to the Presidency for input and sign-off. However, the Department already started to implement the limits and caps on costs for State and Official funerals. Once Cabinet has approved the new funeral policy, it will be applied.

(4) (a) The total number of funerals that the Department paid for in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial years is 15.

 (b) The amount that was spent on each of the funeral is:

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| **FUNERAL** | **DATE** | **AMOUNT SPENT** |
| Mr Kgositsile | 03/02/2018 | R9 000 349.00 |
| Ms Madikizela-Mandela | 14/04/2018 | R35 731 835.85 |
| Mr Skweyiya | 28/04/2018 | R28 967 791.37 |
| Mr Modise | 28/06/2018 | R11 440 661.84 |
| Mrs Sobukwe | 25/06/2018 | R9 836 239.80 |
| Minister Molelwa | 06/10/2018 | R4 798 163.30 |
| Mr Mtshali | 21/10/2018 | R2 904 426.89 |
| Ms Msimang | 26/10/2018 | R752 221.70 |
| Mr Msimang | 15/12/2018 | R1 296 275.10 |
| Mr Khumalo | 26/02/2019 | R863 942.10 |
| General Maphoto | 26/06/2018 | R880 891.95 |
| Mr Vincent Dube | 07/09/2018 | R497 651.00 |
| Deputy Minister Hlongwe | 21/09/2019 | R972 237.53 |
| Dr Richard Maponya  | 22/01/2020 | R211 338.00 |
| Dr Joseph Shabalala | 23/02/2020 | R391 230.00 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **R105 640829.02** |

1. (a) (i) I was informed by the DPWI that the expenditure had not been subjected to all the necessary due diligence which apply within the Department for it to be correctly categorised.

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| **FUNERAL** | **ACTUAL EXPENDITURE** | **5(a)(ii) DEVIATION** | **5(b) DIFF BTWN QUOTED AMOUNT AND ACUTAL EXP** |
| Mr Kgositsile | R9 000 349.00 | None | None |
| Ms Madikizela-Mandela | R35 731 835.85 | R16 781 441.17 | R1 980 614.48 |
| Mr Skweyiya | R28 967 791.37 | R4 162 078.90 | R3 320 152.07 |
| Mr Modise | R11 440 661.84 | R3 870 198.50 | R77 165.00 |
| Mrs Sobukwe | R9 836 239.80 | R160 813.30 | R124 315.00 |
| Minister Molelwa | R4 798 163.30 | None | None |
| Mr Mtshali | R2 904 426.89 | R53 130.00 | R364 975.50 |
| Ms Msimang | R752 221.70 | None | None |
| Mr Msimang | R1 296 275.10 | None | None |
| Mr Khumalo | R863 942.10 | None | None |
| General Maphoto | R880 891.95 | None | None |
| Mr Vincent Dube | R497 651.00 | None | None |
| Deputy Minister Hlongwe | R972 237.53 | None | None |
| Dr Richard Maponya  | R211 338.00 | None | None |
| Dr Joseph Shabalala | R391 230.00 | None | None |