**575:** **Mr PG G Moteka (EFF) to ask the Minister of Labour**:

(a) Why does the Government include the jobs created under the Expanded Public Works Programme in the number of jobs it has created while still paying a poverty wage, (b) is it her position that it is acceptable that the Government employs persons at R 11 an hour and (c) is the R 11 an hour rate in line with the Government's position of a living wage? NW643E

**The Minister of Labour replied:**

1. The Expanded Public Works Programme is a programme that falls under the Department of Public Works’ remit therefore I would not be qualified to respond to this question.
2. Same as Above
3. Same as Above.