

**DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC ENTERPRISES**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.: PQ 608**

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**608. Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

What:

1. Total amount did Eskom pay a certain law firm (name furnished) to investigate fraud and corruption at the Wilge Residential Development project and
2. Process was followed to appoint the specified law firm to conduct the specified investigation? NW724E

**REPLY:**

**According to the information received from Eskom**

1. The Wilge Residential Development investigation under Bowmans’ mandate letter dated 14 May 2018 and further Phase 2 mandate letter dated 08 August 2018 cost Eskom approximately R2,819,376.00 up to May 2019.

Bowmans’ further investigation and attendance to the disciplinary proceedings under their mandate letter dated 20 June 2019 has cost Eskom R 2,811,915.37 up to 28 February 2021.

1. Bowmans was on Eskom’s panel of approved legal service providers when they were originally appointed in May 2018 to investigate procurement irregularities at Eskom. In June 2018, and pending the appointment of a new panel of attorneys, National Treasury provided approval for the continuation of existing legal services until completion of the work. This was for continuity purposes.