###### National Assembly

Question Number: 677

**Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether, with regard to officials who were suspended with full pay pending an investigation in her department, and were then found guilty, the specified individuals are required to repay the salaries earned whilst on suspension; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many of the specified officials have paid back the salaries earned whilst on suspension in the (i) 2012-13, (ii) 2013-14 and (iii) 2014-15 financial years, (b) on what terms were the salaries paid back in each case and (c) what amount was paid back by each of the specified individuals in each of the specified financial years? NW792E

**REPLY**

1. **(i) 2012-13 : None (no employees were suspended)**
2. **(ii) 2013-14 : None**
3. **(iii) 2014-15 : None**
4. **Not applicable**
5. **Not applicable**

**Note:** All officials were suspended with full pay as per Chapter 7, clause 2.7 of the SMS Handbook and clause 7.2.a. of the Disciplinary Code and Procedures (Resolution 1 of 2003) that prescribe that precautionary suspension is always with full pay.