**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 872**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 06 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 20 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Mr W Horn (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

Has any of the fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development in the 2017-18 financial year been recovered from the relevant officials; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

Approximately 2 645 cases amounting to R13 million was reported as fruitless and wasteful expenditure in the 2017/18 financial year. The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development has resolved 2 110 cases to the value of R11.1 million in that some of the amounts were recovered whilst in other cases it was determined after an investigation that it was not due to the fault of the official, for example a change in the programme outside the control of the official.

**WHY NOT:**

1. The outstanding amount of R1.9 million that is currently the balance on the Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure Register for all years includes storage fees for the Mpumalanga High Court Building that should be resolved during this financial year; and
2. No-show penalties valued at R845 000.00 that must still be resolved.

The National Prosecuting Authority has also reported fruitless expenditure cases in the following categories during 2017/18:

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| **Category** | **Number of cases** | **Amounts involved** | **Action Taken** |
| **No Shows** | 9 | R17 486.29 | R12 842.20 is currently in the process of being recovered from 9 officials |
| 3 | R4 644.09 | Three officials are disputing the debt and the cases have been referred for additional information. |
| **AFU curator fees**(Possible fruitless expenditure) | - | R47 325 577.49 | Still under investigation |