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| **PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**  **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY** |

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 873**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 06 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 13 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 Correctional Services in the 2017-18 financial year been recovered from the relevant officials; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW1993E**

**REPLY**

A total of fifty six (56) cases of fruitless and wasteful expenditure were reported during 2017/18 financial year. The total value of the cases amounts to R41 233 748.00 and two (02) of the cases reported with a total amount of R9 701.00 were written off without any recoveries recommended because the expenditures were incurred in emergency service delivery. These 02 cases were due to:

1. DCS team escorting offenders found that the accommodation which was booked was not safe for personnel and state vehicles and they moved to a more secured accommodation: R9 435.00.
2. Traffic offences by drivers led to the vehicle being impounded. The department had to pay R266.00 to release the vehicle for service delivery. The traffic fines were moved from the department proxy to the drivers to personally pay them:   
   R 266.00.

The department is in process of investigating all cases (except the two indicated above) and where applicable, recoveries and disciplinary process will be undertaken based on the outcomes of investigations.

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