

**Response**

- a) These measures were implemented as from 1 January 2014.
- b) Please refer to the table below.

Comparison of Expenditure as at 30 September 2013 and 2014	2013/14 Expenditure as 31 March 2014	2014/15 Expenditure as 30 Sept 2014	Variance*
	R'000	R'000	R'000
(i) Catering	7 369	2 136	5 253
(aa) Venues and (bb) Facilities	13 766	3 959	9 807
(iii) Management of Telephones	2 393	1 021	1 372
(iv)(aa)Reduction of outsourced services and (bb) consultation costs (refer to table below)	77 671**	14 774	62 897

\*Difference for 6 months

** Outsourced services and consultation costs	R'000
Business and advisory services	3 223
Infrastructure and planning	22
Legal Costs	2 663
Contractors	6 470
Agency outsourced services and consultation	65 288
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77 671</b>

\*\* (iv)(aa) and (bb)

The Department has reduced its spending on the above items due to cost containment implementation. The Department has made comparisons for the previous financial year (2013/2014) to the current expenditure as at 30 September 2014. The difference demonstrated on the above variance column indicates that the Department will save by the end of the financial year of 2014/2015.