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Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment:

Whether there were any cases of irregular expenditure in her department that were investigated in the 2020/21 financial year; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

202. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

Yes, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment investigated cases of irregular expenditure in the financial year 2020/2021, which arose from contracts entered into from 2017/2018. The Determination Committee considered the circumstances and root causes regarding irregular expenditure, and progress is as follows:

- Number of cases that have already been condoned by the National Treasury is 15 (fifteen) which amounts to R304 417 304,77.
- 86 cases were referred to Labour Relations to undertake consequence management. The amount involved is R2 381 278 421,68.

- Number of cases that were assessed and in the process of determining value for money derived is 23 (twenty-three) which amounts to R65 589 401,81.
- Number of cases that were subjected to the determination process and confirmed that they do not meet the criteria for irregular expenditure is 16 (sixteen) which amounts to R27 320 025,20. These will also be removed from the irregular expenditure figures. However, appropriate measures to address the non-compliance will still be applicable for these.
- Number of cases currently under determination and assessment process is 32 (thirty two) which amount to R150 586 139,55
- The process to clear the irregular expenditure is continuous as some projects are for multiple years.

Regards



**MS B D CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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