

QUESTIONS FOR **WRITTEN** REPLY

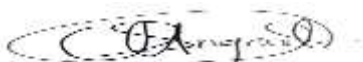
NAME OF MEMBER PUTTING THE QUESTION: **HON. S. MNGADI (DA)**

QUESTION ADDRESSED TO: **MEC FOR EDUCATION**

DATE: **24 JUNE 2026**

RE: On-going Bid Adjudication Tribunal (BAT) Enquiries into the National School Nutrition Program (NSNP)

1. What amount has the Department spent on legal fees, legal opinions, counsel, attorneys and related litigation costs arising from the NSNP tender process, appeals and associated disputes since the commencement of the tender process?
2. Please provide a breakdown of the legal expenditure referred to above by service provider, purpose and financial year.
3. How many officials of the Department have been assigned to matters relating to the NSNP tender disputes and what has been the estimated cost of their involvement?
4. What impact have the ongoing NSNP tender disputes and appeals had on programme implementation, service delivery and payment processes?
5. Has the Department made any provision for additional legal costs arising from ongoing appeals, reviews or litigation relating to the NSNP tender?
 - a. If so, what amount has been budgeted?
6. What contingency measures are currently in place to ensure uninterrupted provision of meals to learners while the appeals process remains unresolved?
7. Has the Department conducted any internal assessment into the factors that led to the disputes surrounding the NSNP tender process and, if so, what were the findings and recommendations?



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