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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION: 1296

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Mr G G Boinamo to ask the Minister of Education:

(1) In respect of each year since 2002, up to and including 2006, (a) how many parties were held by her department, (b) what was the nature of the party in each instance, (c) how much did each party cost and (d) from which budget was the money allocated;

(2) Whether any sponsorship were obtained in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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REPLY:

(1) The Department has not held any parties. However, the Department held various year-end functions with the entire staff (approximately 800 staff members). These functions were held at venues outside the Department, and a light lunch was provided. These were occasions where the Minister was afforded the opportunity to celebrate achievements and assess performance over the past year. It is also at these functions that the Minister paid tribute to the commitment of long-serving staff.

(a) Seven functions were held in the Department.

(b) Nature of Event	(c) Cost of the Event	Date of Event
Year-end function	R93 489.23	December 2002
Year-end function	R131 275.58	December 2003
Farewell for Minister and Deputy Minister	R113 789.08	May 2004
Welcome for Minister and Deputy Minister	R93 074.58	July 2004
Year-end function	R116 834.98	December 2004
Senior Management Year-end function	R34 491.98	December 2004
Year-end function	R193 602.10	December 2005

(d) The funds came from the Department's budget.

(2) No sponsorships were obtained.