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### FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 82

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#### **Ms SJ Loe to ask the Minister of Education**

- (1) Whether her department makes use of private security firms; if so, how much money was spent on such firms in (a) 2005 and (b) 2006;
- (2) whether these firms are used on a contractual basis; if so, (a) how many contracts did her department take out in this regard in 2006, (b) with which firms were these contracts taken out, (c) for which specific reason was each contract taken out and (d) what was the value of the contract in each case;
- (3) why is there a need for her department to use a private security firm as opposed to state security?

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#### **REPLY:**

- (1) Yes, the Department has been using a private security firm since July 2006 for one of the four buildings it occupies.
- (a) 2005 – R0  
(b) 2006 – R207 018.82
- (2) The firm is being used on a contractual basis
- (a) one  
(b) Bushindo Business Enterprises CC  
(c) Access control and patrol duties  
(d) R33 376.00 per month
- (3) The Department is currently housed in four separate buildings due to the rapid expansion of its functions, but it is in the process of entering into a public-private partnership for the construction of a new building to be completed in 18 months time, which will accommodate the entire Department. The Department's current security staff complement of 16 officials, which will be adequate for the single new building, and it is therefore not practical to appoint six additional state security guards to meet its current, temporary need for extra security personnel.