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1265. Mr J N de Villiers (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether the (a) Deputy Directors-General and (b) senior officials of her department attended a meeting of a certain political party (details furnished) on 25 and/or 26 January 2025; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) who paid for the (aa) travel, (bb) accommodation and (cc) subsistence costs and (ii) what was the total expenditure in each case?

Whether his **Deputy Director General/s and senior officials** in his department attended the recent **two-day ANC lekgotla** as reported in the media, if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) who paid for the (i) traveling, (ii) accommodation and (iii) subsistence costs and (b) what was the total expenditure in each case?

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Response

The Department of Basic Education (DBE) has advised that no Deputy Director Generals or any other senior officials of the DBE attended the two-day African National Congress Lekgotla.

The DBE has further advised that:

- the Director-General (DG) attended the ANC Lekgotla on 26 January 2025;
- the DG covered his own travelling costs to the venue; and
- the DBE did not cover any costs for the DG in this regard, including accommodation and subsistence costs.