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WRITTEN REPLY

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Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:

What (a) total amount is budgeted for his private office for the 2019-20 financial year and (b) was the (i) total remuneration, (ii) salary level, (iii) job title, (iv) qualification and (v) job description of each employee appointed in his private office since 1 May 2019 NW1257E

Reply:

The Budgets for the Ministry were developed prior to the announcement of the new Cabinet and Executive. The Budget Votes of the two Departments will be formally consolidated into one by the end of the 2019-20 financial year. In the transition period, staffing in the Ministry is being reorganised in line with the new arrangements, namely one member of Cabinet and two Deputy Ministers. Support staff in compliance with the prescripts are being finalised. This process is not completed and will affect both budgets and staffing numbers.

In accordance with the Guide for Members of the Executive, Ministerial staff directly serving the Member shall comprise employees who render both personal and administrative support to the Minister and Deputy Ministers. The complement and manner in which the services of persons or employees are obtained in the office of the Minister and Deputy Minister are determined in terms of the Public Service Act, 1994 and in accordance with the Guide.

Once the process is completed, details on the number of staff employed can be provided to Parliament.

The Annual Reports of the two departments provide detailed Human Resources Information for the staffing as a whole, for the past financial year.

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