



MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SCAMS PURPORTING TO BE FROM MINISTRY OF FINANCE

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The Ministry of Finance has picked up an increasing number of scams doing the rounds in public purporting to be from the Ministry.

In the latest scam, a person purposing to be the Minister of Finance sends emails to members of the public indicating that there are funds amounting to millions of rand at the South African Reserve Bank which should be claimed by the person being contacted. However, before the claim can be processed and paid, the people being contacted are requested to send their full name and age; their occupation; and their cell phone number.

The Ministry of Finance, that is the Minister and Deputy Minister, **will never** email people asking them to come and claim money, nor will they ever ask for the personal details of members of the public.

Members of the public are reminded that scams can only ever be successful to the extent that those approached participate in them. If members of the public know that they are not expecting any money, then they should restrain from any activity that will put them in danger of losing whatever finances they have. Scams often result in members of the public losing their hard-earned money.

Members of the public are encouraged to verify the authenticity of any requests/emails they receive purporting to be from the Ministry of Finance by contacting us on [minreg@treasury.gov.za](mailto:minreg@treasury.gov.za).

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