

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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MR E W TRENT (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:

- (1) Whether he has ever amended Schedule three of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, as required by section 47(1)(a) and (b) of the Act; if so,
- (2) whether all public entities are listed; if not,
- (3) whether any public entities failed to notify the National Treasury in terms of section 47(2) of the Act; if so, (a) which entities and (b) what steps have been taken to rectify the situation? **N1440E**

REPLY:

- (1) Amending Schedule 3 is an ongoing function for the National Treasury, and is effected at the time when Departments submit requests for my approval to list or de-list a public entity. Information on the listed public entities is available on the National Treasury website and updated every six months. The last amendment to Schedule 3 of the Public Finance Management Act was on 11 April 2005.
- (2) Based on the information the National Treasury in our possession, our present coverage of listings extends to 100% of existing and known public entities. In addition, the National Treasury communicates with Departments to better understand their listing timetables to ensure accuracy of the published list.
- (3) (a) The National Treasury is not in a position to determine failure on the part of the entity to notify it for a listing. The PFMA makes it mandatory for the public entity to volunteer the information to the National Treasury.

(b) The National Treasury interacts continuously with the Auditor-General and Departments to track unlisted entities and to ensure their correct classification and listing in compliance with the PFMA.