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Mr M Swart (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the Government intends introducing capital control as proposed by a certain person (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

The person the Honourable member refers to is a foreign academic. Many academics are lecturing internationally on the global financial crisis - often with vastly different perspectives. Government follows such debates in order to determine the most appropriate steps to assist in combating the effects of the above-mentioned crisis.

South Africa has been gradually liberalising its exchange control policies since 1994 by:

- abolishing exchange controls on foreigners;
- increasing foreign exposure limits on institutions;
- progressively reducing foreign asset caps on individuals; and
- allowing South African firms to raise capital and expand their operations abroad.

There is no intention to reverse these reforms.