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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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MR P VAN DALEN (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:

- (1) Whether the National Treasury makes use of private security firms; if so, how much money was spent on such firms in 2008;
- (2) whether these firms are used on a contractual basis; if so, (a) how many contracts did his department take out in this regard in 2008, (b) with which firms were these contracts taken out, (c) for what specific purpose was each contract taken out and (d) what was the value of the contract in each case;
- (3) why is there a need for his department to use a private security firm as opposed to state security? **NW608E**

Reply:

- (1) Yes, R3,176,683.42.
- (2) Yes, G4S are used on a contractual basis.
 - (a) One contract was awarded in 2007 and ends in 2010.
 - (b) G4S Security Services.
 - (c) The private security company, G4S is used for the provision of physical security, which includes guarding outside and within the building, patrolling within the building, escorting of visitors / service providers within the building and escorting of employees between the National Treasury buildings.
 - (d) R12,141,897.36 for 3 years.
- (3) Considering the National Treasury's risk profile and its physical and information security needs, a decision was made to co-source (in source and out source) security. The surveillance and protection of the state's information is the responsibility of permanent employees. Physical security which includes guarding the entrance points of the buildings and patrolling within the buildings is entrusted to the private security company who are monitored and supervised by at least one state security employee at each building throughout the 24 hours of the services.