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Dr D T George (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the National Treasury has been monitoring the implementation of the pilot programme for wage subsidies; if not, why not; if so, (a) when will the National Treasury report on its implementation and (b) what are the further relevant details?

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Reply:

The National Treasury is monitoring the implementation of a pilot experiment into employment effects of a youth wage subsidy as part of a larger cross-departmental reference group including the Department of Labour, the Presidency and the Department of Social Development. In addition, technical aspects of the pilot are being monitored by a steering group of leading academics. Given the nature of the pilot experiment, initial results on its outcomes will be available in approximately twelve months time. At that time National Treasury will report on the pilot.