

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr P J C Pretorius (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

How does his department handle a MinMec resolution that instructs an accounting officer to perform functions that have financial implications for a department?

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**REPLY**

MINMECs are intergovernmental consultation forums where national government and provinces consult on matters related to concurrent functions, such as education and health. MINMEC processes do not however replace the formal budget process and neither can they direct any accounting officer. It is the responsibility of individual departments to draft their medium term expenditure framework (MTEF) in line with government priorities. This includes determining the appropriate manner to deal with any MINMEC resolution that may have financial implications. Should any request be received by the National Treasury for increased funding through the national budget process (fiscus) to enable a national department to perform a MINMEC resolution, such request will be considered through the normal budget process and thus be subjected to a comprehensive assessment process whereby priority government programmes are considered for funding within the available revenue pool.