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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Mr N J J van R Koornhof (Cope) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Why is the Financial and Fiscal Commission not allowed to use outside auditors to curb audit fees charged by the Auditor-General's office? NW1589E

REPLY:

Section 25 of the Financial Fiscal Commission Act 99 of 1997 as amended provides that the Auditor-General must audit the accounts and financial records of the Commission. Section 40(1)(i) of the Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999 as amended also provides that the Accounting Officer of a constitutional institution must submit the financial statements of such an institution to the Auditor-General for auditing. Section 40(1)(d)(iii) of the Public Finance Management Act finally provides that the Auditor-General must report on such financial statements.

All these provisions are peremptory.