

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NUMBER PQ1521 (NW1686E)

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Dr D T George (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:

- (1) Whether the SA Revenue Service (SARS) investigated the complaint by a certain person (name furnished) that a certain company (name furnished) obtained tax relief on employer contributions to retirement funds for agents who were not employees; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) Whether the matter has been resolved; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1686E

REPLY

SARS is unfortunately precluded from divulging any details pertaining to a specific taxpayer or any investigation. In terms of section 4 of the Income Tax Act, No 58 of 1962, SARS is obliged to preserve the secrecy of all matters that may come to its knowledge and may not communicate any matter to any person whatsoever other than the taxpayer concerned.

The South African Revenue Service welcomes the submission of tip-offs regarding any alleged non compliance with tax legislation. To this end SARS has set up a dedicated telephone number (0800 00 28 70 where tip-offs of this nature can be provided.