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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mrs S P Kopane (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether the Department of Health has applied for funding for the South African Demographic and Health survey since the 2007-08 financial year; if so, in each case, (a) on which dates, (b) what amount was requested and (c) what was the response from the National Treasury?

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**REPLY:**

No, the Department of Health has not formally applied for funding for the South African Demographic and Health Survey (SADHS) since the 2007-08 financial year. Although some informal discussions were held 2-3 years ago, at the time the Department decided to incorporate the necessary questions into two community surveys of the HSRC. These included the SA Health and Nutrition Survey (SAHNES) for which the National Treasury approved a R4.6m transfer payment at the request of the Department of Health and the SA National HIV Behaviour and Health Survey. The National Treasury is fully aware of the widespread international use of regular DHS surveys to provide health information.