

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2108. Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

With reference to the establishment of the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer (CPO), (a) what role will the National Treasury play in this regard, (b) to whom will the CPO report and (c) will this be a single person or an office?

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**REPLY:**

(a) The National Treasury is responsible for the establishment of the Office of the CPO and has played the following role in this regard:

- A job description has been developed and evaluated;
- Consultations with the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) have been initiated to formally establish the position;
- A job advert for the CPO has been drafted and will be advertised on 26 August 2012.

(b) The CPO will be part of the top management of the National Treasury and relevant reporting lines will be applicable. Clarity on the specifics will only be available after consultations with DPSA have been concluded.

(c) The CPO is a person and a post but will require the support of an office. The Office of the CPO will incorporate existing functions currently performed by Specialist Functions, a division within National Treasury, and will be partly staffed by personnel currently falling under Specialist Functions. If necessary and following consultations with DPSA, more capacity could be sourced in.