

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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1454. Mr N J J van R Koornhof (Cope) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether a representative of the late Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's family contacted the Treasury to assist them in depositing (a) money and (b) other assets in a South African bank; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

The National Treasury has not been approached by a representative of the late Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's family to assist them in depositing money or other assets in a South African bank, nor is it the business of National Treasury to assist foreign nationals to open bank accounts in South Africa.

I recently released a media statement to deal with the media reports of the past few weeks in which there has been a blurring of facts and allegations, with the allegations been treated as fact.

In the statement I explained that I had met a delegation purporting to be from the Libyan government in May which claimed to be seeking assistance in identifying assets supposedly in South Africa. Subsequently I have met a Libyan Government delegation led by Mr Usama al Abid, the Minister in the Office of the Libyan Prime Minister. We agreed that should any funds and assets be found, we will inform the Libyan Minister and the relevant UN authorities through the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO). The Libyan authorities and the UN will determine the future of these assets and funds.

Please find attached the media statement released on the 20th June 2013.