

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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2171. Mr L Ramatlakane (COPE) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his Budget Speech on 23 February 2012, all the government departments have submitted their annual tender programmes; if not, why not; if so;
- (2) How many officials (a) are directors of the companies doing business with the Government and (b) were found to have abused the system;
- (3) Whether punitive steps have been taken against those who have defrauded the Government; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) National Treasury receives procurement plans from National Departments, Constitutional Institutions and Public Entities. The provincial departments submit their procurement plans to their relevant treasuries. For the Financial Year 2013/14 statistics of procurement plans submitted to the National Treasury are as follows:

Sphere of Government	Total Number	Submitted Procurement Plans	Not submitted
National Departments	44	44	0
Constitutional Institutions	9	9	0
Public Entities	154	89	65

The Office of the Chief Procurement Officer (OCPO) is presently engaging with the public entities that did not comply.

- (2) To date, the Database of Restricted Suppliers contains the names of 452 individuals or companies in which officials may have direct interests.
- (3) The National Treasury takes action in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) and the relevant Treasury Regulations by restricting suppliers who have abused the system. This is mainly dependent on action taken by national and

provincial accounting officers of departments and public entities as required by the PFMA, PPPFA and Treasury Regulations; and the accounting officers of municipalities in terms of the MFMA. The restriction of 452 persons or companies where government officials have a direct interest in reflects the action taken by relevant accounting officers and the National Treasury.