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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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460. Mr M G P Lekota (Cope) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether section 30 of the draft Treasury regulations that was published in the *Government Gazette* (details furnished) has (a) now been adopted and (b) been implemented in the (i) national, (ii) provincial and (iii) local spheres of government; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

No, section 30 of the draft Treasury Regulations has not yet been adopted. After publication of the draft Treasury Regulations for public comment, several interested parties forwarded their comments to the National Treasury, mostly by the due date of 8 February 2013. These draft Treasury Regulations, which apply to departments, constitutional institutions and public entities, were published for public comment in terms of section 78 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999).

The National Treasury is currently evaluating all comments and will effect changes to the draft Treasury Regulations where necessary, including those related to Chapter 30 that pertain to *Supply Chain Management for the Delivery and Maintenance of Infrastructure*. The final Treasury Regulations will be published in due course and Chapter 30 will be published during April 2013 to take effect on the date of publication.

In respect of municipalities, consideration will be given to publishing Regulations similar to those contained in Chapter 30. This will be done in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003).