

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

Whether the National Treasury has been monitoring all departments, municipalities and Ministries to ensure that they comply with the cost-saving measures announced on 23 October 2013 in his Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS); if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

Treasury Instruction 1 of 2013/14 was issued to all departments and constitutional institutions and public entities listed in schedules 2 and 3 of the PFMA on 19 December 2013. The instruction became effective 1 January 2014 and confirms Cabinet's directive to implement cost containment measures. Similarly, all Municipal Managers and Municipal Chief Financial Officers were informed of the measures issued. The Auditor-General will audit compliance to the cost containment measures and report non-compliance through audit reports. The National Treasury has noted efforts of provinces and departments to implement the measures. It needs to be noted that the cost containment measures are only implemented for 7 weeks and it would be premature for National Treasury to provide details on the impact thereof.