

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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267. Mr M Chetty (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) With reference to a reply to Question 206 on 26 May 2015 by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, (a) which municipalities are deducting money from employees' salaries for (i) pension fund, (ii) provident fund, (iii) medical aid, (iv) Pay As You Earn (PAYE), (v) Unemployment Insurance Fund and (vi) any other relevant fund but not paying it over to the relevant institutions in each province, (b) how much is owed to the institutions in each case and (c) what actions have been taken against defaulting municipalities;
- (2) (a) how will the interests of the employees be protected and (b) what measures are in place to prevent any further irregularities?

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REPLY:

- (1) and (2): There is no legal requirement to monitor and report on this type of information. In fact, this borders on micromanagement which is not in the spirit of the intergovernmental system which has been designed to facilitate a decentralized financial management regime. The Council of municipalities is finally accountable; therefore the information can be sourced out as follows: approach each municipality individually and / or request SALGA to collect the information on behalf of Parliament.