

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY  
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**1663. Mr D J Maynier (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**







With reference to the mandatory cost containment measures announced by the National Treasury, (a) by what amount did expenditure on (i) consultants, (ii) travel and subsistence, (iii) catering and events and (iv) any other relevant category change in each (aa) department, (bb) constitutional institution and (cc) public entity listed in Schedules 2 and 3 of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, as amended, in the past three financial years up to and including the first quarter of 2016-17 and (b) what is the total amount of expenditure in each of the specified categories in each of the specified financial years?

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**REPLY:**

- (a) **Table 1** provides a summary of expenditure on items referred to in the Treasury Instruction on Cost Containment Measures, namely: (i) consultants, (ii) travel and subsistence (iii) catering and (iv) entertainment in national and provincial departments. This table provides actual expenditure information for the financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and preliminary expenditure information for 2015/2016. Expenditure information related to the aforementioned items are not available for constitutional institutions and public entities listed in Schedule 2 and 3 to the PFMA since these institutions utilise financial systems which are not controlled and accessible by the National Treasury.

**Table 1: Summary of expenditure information in national and provincial departments for the previous financial years**

Departmental Expenditure	Actual 2013/2014	Actual 2014/2015	Change in Expenditure 2013/14 & 2014/15	Preliminary 2015/2016	Change in Expenditure 2014/15 & 2015/16
	<i>Amount R' billions</i>	<i>Amount R' billions</i>		<i>Amount R' billions</i>	
Consultants	12,825,333	30,589,074		24 991, 102	
Travel and subsistence	9, 861,580	9,063,081		9,278, 664	
Catering, entertainment and venue rental	2,227,808	868,749		927,417	

**Tables 2 and 3** below provide actual expenditure information for the first quarter of the 2016/2017 financial year.

**Table 2: Expenditure for national departments for the first quarter of 2016/2017 financial year**

Details of the Expenditure	April 2016 R' Millions	May 2016 R' Millions	June 2016 R' Millions
Consultants	632,657,254	978,356,142	1,192,339
Travel and Subsistence	340,230,758	514,565,109	520,349,072
Catering	15,570,162	20,415,119	22,702,675
Entertainment	689,784	2,563,204	1,760,040

**Table 3: Expenditure for provincial departments for the first quarter of 2016/2017 financial year**

Details of the Expenditure	April 2016 R' Millions	May 2016 R' Millions	June 2016 R' Millions
Consultants	1,353,921	1,724,448	2,201,449
Travel and Subsistence	206,272,051	345,200,486	337,391,469
Catering	13,269,575	35,749,630	45,875,778
Entertainment	96,223	120,214	251,140

(b) Table 4 below provides a tabular summary of the total amount spent in each of the specified categories for the financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

**Table 4: Total amount spent on consultants, travel and subsistence and catering, entertainment and venue rental**

Departmental Expenditure	Actual 2013/2014	Actual 2014/2015	Preliminary 2015/2016
	Amount R' billions	Amount R' billions	Amount R' billions
Consultants	12,825,333	30,589,074	2,711,539
Travel and subsistence	9,861,580	9,063,081	3,848,166
Catering, entertainment and venue rental	2,227,808	868,749	3,488,352
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,053,141.00</b>	<b>40,520,904.00</b>	<b>6,199,891.00</b>