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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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2224. Mr D J Maynier (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether the SA Revenue Services' (SARS) advisory committee advised (a) him and/or (b) the SARS Commissioner on its review of the allegations relating to the unlawful establishment of an intelligence unit in the SARS; if not, why not; if so, in each case, (i) when did the specified committee provide advice and (ii) what advice was provided;
- (2) whether the specified committee produced a report on the specified matter; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the title of the specified report, (b) when was the specified report produced, (c) what were the main (i) findings and (ii) recommendations and (d) was the specified report provided to (i) him and/or (ii) the SARS Commissioner?

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REPLY:

- (1) and (2) This is a highly contentious matter, as previously noted in my response to your previous questions PQ46 and PQ989. It has been further complicated by leaking of documents, a concerted campaign of vilification and even the initiation of criminal charges. The trail of injustice that has characterized this process thus far is evident to all. Under the circumstances the Honourable Member will appreciate that I will, based on legal advice, not venture into past or present details except to say that the South African Revenue Service, as a revenue collection agency, plays an important part in enabling the government to deliver services to its people and as such needs to focus on its core mandate.