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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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48. Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether WO01 T J B Vorster (Force No 71317051PE), who retired from the SA National Defence Force on 29 April 2015, qualifies for a pension from the Government Employees Pension Fund; if not, (a) why not and (b) has he been informed accordingly; if so,
- (2) whether such a pension has been authorised to be paid to the specified person; if not, why not; if so, (a) when was it authorised, (b) when was the pension first paid to the specified person and (c) what are the detailed reasons for the delay in the payment of such a pension?

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REPLY:

According to the Government Employees Pension Fund:

- (1) Mr Vorster did not retire within the fund but resigned.
- (2) The pension application was successfully processed as per the choice that he had made, he received a resignation benefit. Due to the fact that some of the requested information is personal, it cannot be made available to third party without the written consent of the person involved.

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