

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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682. Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) (a) What is the status of the investigation that is being conducted by the National Treasury into the procurement process of set-top boxes by the Universal Service and Access Agency of SA and (b) when will it be completed;
- (2) whether the report arising from the investigation will be made public; if not, why not; if so, by when?

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REPLY:

- (1) (a) The investigation is still in progress.

(b) The plan is to complete the forensic report by the end of May 2016 but subject to cooperation and required information received to conclude the investigation.
- (2) The National Treasury will not make the report public since the investigation is conducted on behalf of the Department of Communication. In addition, all reports that are the subject of criminal investigations by the South African Police Service are not made public since it may have a negative impact on the success of the criminal investigation. Once the report is part of the court record and its evidence has been led, it will become a public document.