

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
QUESTION NUMBER: 2341 [NW2914E]

2341. Mrs A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What (a) total amount has the Government appropriated for drought relief measures in each financial year since 1 April 2016, (b) is the detailed breakdown of how the drought relief appropriations were allocated in each case, (c) drought relief measures were funded in each case and (d) monitoring mechanisms did the National Treasury implement to monitor that the appropriated funds were utilised for the intended drought relief in each case?

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REPLY:

- (a) and (b) Appropriations for drought between 2016/17 and 2020/21 was R6.4 billion. Table 1 below sets out the amounts per province per year.

Table 1: Drought allocations (Rand thousand)

Province	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total	% of total
Eastern Cape	48 200	304 738	1 017 791	-	35 000	1 405 729	22%
Free State	65 200	-	267 534	-	-	332 734	5%
Gauteng	33 800	-	7 000	-	-	40 800	1%
KwaZulu-Natal	1 496 300	300 000	155 301	-	4 000	1 955 601	30%
Limpopo	72 900	-	153 094	-	18 640	244 634	4%
Mpumalanga	83 700	-	86 246	-	12 160	182 106	3%
North West	76 400	-	338 149	-	8 000	422 549	7%
Northern Cape	41 300	81 172	172 466	-	35 689	330 627	5%
Western Cape	305 966	164 936	1 014 614	-	25 000	1 510 516	24%
Total	2 223 766	850 846	3 212 195	-	138 489	6 425 296	100%

- (c) Appropriations for drought was mostly in the water sector for boreholes, water tankers and augmentation schemes, and in the agriculture sector for animal feed.
- (d) The oversight and monitoring framework for spending on drought relief is governed by the annual Division of Revenue Act, as the funding is allocated through conditional grants. Reports on spending in relation to the grants are submitted by the accounting officers responsible for the grants to the National Treasury in terms of section 10 of the Division of Revenue Act.