

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY
QUESTION NUMBER: 371 [NO2382E]**

★371. Mr S N Swart (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What measures has the National Treasury taken and/or will be taken in conjunction with law enforcement agencies to (a) hold accounting officers and other officials accountable in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, No 1 of 1999, and the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, No 56 of 2003, for Covid-19-related procurement corruption in order to recover state funds that have been misappropriated in the process and (b) prevent further corruption taking place with Covid-19 procurement by state entities?

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REPLY:

(a) The President has issued a Proclamation for the Special Investigations Unit to investigate all Covid-19 related procurement and the possible flouting of the procurement prescripts. The National Treasury does not have a specific role other than the normal support it gives to law enforcement agencies. This includes any training on the PFMA and MFMA and any assistance on interpretation of thereof that may be requested.

(b) Are there any measures that the OCPO has put in place to prevent further corruption?

National Treasury is in the process of issuing a new Instruction Note to PFMA institutions and the Circular equivalent for MFMA institutions that seeks to repeal Instruction Note 5 (PFMA) and Circular 103 (MFMA) issued to enable the emergency procurement of the Covid-19 related goods and service. This process is at an advanced stage and will be issued as soon as the consultation process have been finished. The Instruction note and Circular focusses on reverting to normal procurement processes and on improved reporting guidelines for Covid expenditure.