

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Mrs B L Abrahams (DA-Gauteng) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) What are the details regarding (a) municipal audit cost and (b) limitation of cost by law;
- (2) whether the Auditor-General (AG) may exceed the limitations; if so, (a) who may (i) request and (ii) grant permission for additional investigations by the AG, (b) who will be responsible for the additional costs and (c) what percentage of the costs may legally be recovered from the municipality;
- (3) (a) in which municipalities in the Eastern Cape has the province requested extensive audits, (b) what financial assistance were provided by the Provincial Treasury in each case and (c)(i) in which cases were the municipalities obliged to cover the cost and (ii) what are the further relevant details? **CW16E**

REPLY:

- (1) This question will be best responded to by the Office of the Auditor-General as they have all the details regarding the municipal audit costs including how the law limits the manner in which they cost municipalities for audits conducted.
- (2) The National Treasury is not in a position to respond to this question. This question should be directed to the Office of the Auditor-General.
- (3) This question is best addressed and answered by the relevant department in the Eastern Cape Province.