

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER 283**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION**

**25 JUNE 2004**

**DR PJ RABIE (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:**

(a) What was the total cost to the National Treasury of any publicity, promotions or information displays and entertainment of members of Parliament, media or public servants to make the occasion of his budget speech in both the National Assembly and National Council of Provinces in 2004, (b) what were the specific costs related to (i) promotional items and printed matter, (ii) audio-visual materials and/ or displays, (iii) hiring of equipment and personnel, (iv) transport, (v) venue hire, (vi) food and drinks, (vii) music and /or other entertainment and (viii) any other specified costs and (c) in what way did this expenditure improve service delivery by the National Treasury?

**N319E**

**REPLY:**

- (a) Nil
- (b) Nil
- (c) See (a) and (b) above.

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**QUESTION NUMBER 872**

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**DR P J RABIE (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:**

Whether any cases of corruption relating to misappropriation of state funds and/or misuse of state resources are currently being investigated by the National Treasury; if so, in each specified instance, (a) what is the (i) total number of cases and (ii) nature of the corruption being investigated, (b) when was the investigation launched and (c)(i) what are the names of the persons being investigated and (ii) what positions do they hold in the National Treasury?

**N1265E**

**REPLY:**

- (a) (i) Currently, a total number of two cases are being investigated.
  - (ii) Unauthorised use of government property.
- (b) The investigation was launched on 20 July 2004.
- (c) (i) I am unable to release the names at this stage as the investigation is ongoing.
  - (ii) The two officials hold clerical posts in the department.

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**QUESTION NUMBER 972**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 29 OCTOBER 2004**

**MS TALJAARD (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:**

- (1) Whether all the public entities for which he is responsible had (a) tabled the annual reports referred to in section 55(1)(d) of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, and (b) submitted their annual budgets in compliance with section 53 of the said Act, by 30 September 2004; if not, (i) which entities failed to do so and (ii) why;
- (2) whether any of the entities failed to table, within the prescribed time, a written explanation setting out the reasons for non-compliance in terms of section 65(2)(a) of the Act; if so, which entities;
- (3) whether he or the National Treasury has taken or intends taking any action against the defaulting entities; if not, why not; if so, what action;
- (4) whether section 40(5) of the Act was complied with; if not, why not?

**N1410E**

**REPLY:**

- (1) (a) All the public entities for which I am responsible, except for the PIC, have submitted and tabled their annual reports as required by section 55(1)(d) and 65(1)(a) of the PFMA.
- (b) All the public entities for which I am responsible, have submitted their annual budgets in compliance with section 53 of the PFMA.
  - (i) The PIC tabled their annual report late due to differences in opinion regarding matters raised in the report of the Auditor-General.
  - (ii) The reasons for the delay are set out below:
    - 25 August 2004: The special subcommittee, delegated by the Board, approved the annual financial statements;
    - 30 August 2004: The PIC received a draft copy of the Auditor-General's report;

- 6 September 2004: The Deputy Minister of Finance, the PIC and the Auditor-General met to discuss the draft report;
- 7 September 2004: The PIC, the Auditor-General and KPMG met to discuss the draft report;
- 14 September 2004: The PIC receives the final Auditor-General's report.

Due to the above, the publishers of the PIC's annual report were not able to submit it to the printers on time to meet the deadline of 30 September 2004.

The Minister of Finance tabled, on the 19 October 2004, the PIC annual report together with a written explanation setting out the reasons for the above non-compliance in terms of section 65(2) of the PFMA.

- (2) See 1 above.
- (3) See 1 above.
- (4) The department complies with section 40(5) of the PFMA.

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### QUESTION NUMBER 1105

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 19 NOVEMBER 2004**

**DR S M VAN DYK (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:**

- (1) Whether the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Director: Financial Services and the Director of Budgeting of the National Treasury are all in possession of a recognised and specifically financial tertiary qualification; if not, what considerations were decisive in the appointment of these officials; if so, (a) what degree and/ or diploma did each specified official obtain and (b) (i) when and (ii) at which tertiary institution was it obtained;
- (2) (a) how many officials are employed in the internal auditing component of the National Treasury and (b) (i) how many financial staff members are employed in the various sections of the National Treasury and (ii) what percentage do these members constitute with regard to senior management from the rank of director and upwards;
- (3) whether the head of the internal auditing component is in possession of recognised formal and specifically accounting and auditing qualifications; if so, (a) what qualifications and (b) at which tertiary institution were they obtained;
- (4) whether all posts in the internal auditing component are filled; if not, (a) why not, (b) what is the percentage of vacant posts, (c) what is the percentage of all financial posts in all sections of the National Treasury that are vacant and (d) what steps does the National Treasury intend taking in this regard;
- (5) whether the Chief Financial Officer, the Accountant, the Internal Auditor and the Director of Budgeting have received training in the application of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, at accredited tertiary institutions; if not, according to what criteria are the performance agreements of these officials measured; if so, what training certificate was obtained at which institution in each case?

**N1602E**

**REPLY:**

(1) (a) and (b)

The National Treasury currently has an acting Chief Financial Officer who holds the following qualifications: The degrees B. Compt: 1994, B.Compt (Hon): 1995 at the University of Pretoria and is a Chartered Accountant of SA: CA (SA): 2000, SAICA Registered member.

The previous Chief Financial Officer was employed at the National Treasury from 1 January 2003 and resigned on 10 September 2004. She holds the following qualifications: The degree B Com: 1994, Postgraduate diploma in Accountancy: 1995 at the University of Natal and is a Chartered Accountant of SA: CA (SA), SAICA Registered member.

The National Treasury does not have positions of Chief Director: Financial Services and the Director of Budgeting on its establishment.

(2) (a) The internal audit function (IAF) of the National Treasury is outsourced to an independent accounting and auditing firm: PricewaterhouseCoopers CA (SA) (PwC).

(b) (i) 37 Employees.  
(ii) 5,4%.

(3) (a) and (b) Refer to (2) above

(4) See 1 and 2 above.

(5) The Chief Financial Officer is serving in an acting capacity and is a registered Chartered Accountant of South Africa.