

# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

## QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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### **MS D ROBINSON TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:**

- (1) What was the total cost to the State of consultants used by his departments in the 2004-05 financial year, (b) what are the names of the consultants used, (c) for what purpose were they used and (d) what was the reason for preferring to use consultants instead of hiring persons with the necessary skills;
- (2) whether any former employees of his department have been employed as consultants during the latest specified 5-year period for which information is available; if so, (a) why was each person rehired as a consultant and (b) why did each leave his department if his/ her skills were necessary to the department?

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### **REPLY:**

- (1) (a) The total cost was R5,710,948.29

(b)(c)

NAME OF CONSULTANT / COMPANY	PURPOSE
CATHERINE GARSON	Language Editors of MTBPS and Budget documentation
CASE	Disability Expert Consultant
CHERYL TAYLOR EDITING SERVICES	Language Editor of Annual Report
COLE CONSULTING	Development of project plans for Chief Director Social Services
CORNERSTONE ECONOMIC RESEARCH	Preparation of the consolidated Report: Governance Framework review of selected National Public entities
INTENDA	Development and Maintenance of Proquire System
KAREN MARTIN	Language Editor of MTBPS and Budget documentation
P.A. MYBURGH	Development of a filing system for NT
REAKGONA	Project manager/facilitator to assist with the operationalisation of National Treasury's strategic objectives
SEP SERFONTEIN CONSULTING	Provide team-building personnel assistance to the tax Policy Chief Directorate
SPT SOLUTIONS	Process mapping for HRM processes
STE CONSULTING CC	Editing, design and layout of PPP manual
WEBBER WENTZEL	Development of the Tourism PPP's toolkit

- (d) Consultants in the National Treasury are appointed to apply expert skills to do the following:

- Investigate a specific issue or problem,
- Carry out research,
- Provide advise,
- Develop systems or computer software, and
- Provide particular professional services.

Accordingly, the National Treasury engages consultants only when the necessary skills to perform a project/duty are not available within the National Treasury, and when it is impossible to either train or recruit suitable people within a reasonably short space of time. Therefore, the consultants appointed as mentioned in 1 (b) complied with the criteria as spelt out above; hence consultants were preferred over hiring of skilled persons.

- (2) None of the consultants utilised by the National Treasury during 2004/05 financial year had been former employees of the National Treasury.