

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NUMBER 475

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MR S F HAASBROEK (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:

Whether he has been issued with a government credit card; if so, (a) what is the spending limit on the card, (b) what was the total expenditure incurred on the card in the 2004-05 financial year and (c) on what items was this expenditure incurred?

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REPLY:

No, I have not been issued with a government credit card.

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QUESTION NUMBER 1109

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DUE FOR SUBMISSION TO PARLIAMENT: 7 JULY 2005

MR I O DAVIDSON (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:

- (1) Whether, as required by section 55(1) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), Act 1 of 1999, all the public entities for which the National Treasury is responsible have submitted their financial statements by 31 May 2005; if not, (a) which entities have failed to comply with the requirements of this section and (b) why have they failed to do so;
- (2) whether the National Treasury has taken any steps to assist any of the abovementioned entities; if not, why not; if so, what steps? **N1465E**

REPLY:

- (1) (a) All public entities had to submit annual financial statements (AFS) in their own draft format and also in the format prescribed by the Office of the Accountant General (OAG). Public entities reporting to the Minister of Finance (annexure A) have submitted in one form or another, their unaudited AFS in terms of section 55(1)(c) of the PFMA except for the South African Reserve Bank (SARB), Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) and the Financial and Fiscal commission (FFC).
- (b) The SARB was still consolidating their AFS input by 31 May 2005 and eventually submitted on 7 June 2005.

The FIC submission experienced internal delays but eventually submitted on 10 June 2005.

The FFC submission experienced internal delays that were compounded by the prescribed OAG template, but eventually submitted on 8 June 2005.

- (2) National Treasury was always in contact with the defaulting entities before and after the deadline for submission. Official reminders for submission were sent through the office of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) that also clarified problem areas through the OAG regarding the template entities had to complete.

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QUESTION NUMBER 882
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MR I O DAVIDSON (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:

- (1) Whether any investigation has been conducted into the travel claims made by or on behalf of, or the use of travel facilities by or on behalf of, officials of the National Treasury in light of the irregularities revealed in Parliament in respect of travel vouchers; if not, why not; if so, what are the findings;
- (2) (a) what amount was spent by officials of the National Treasury on (i) hotel accommodation, (ii) restaurant expenses and (iii) travel costs in the (aa) 2003-04, (bb) 2004-05 and (cc) current financial years and (b) which travel agents received payment for services in each of those financial years?

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REPLY:

- (1) No investigation was conducted into travel claims or travel facilities, as no reasonable grounds existed to initiate such an investigation. National Treasury does not use travel vouchers.
- (2) National Treasury spent:
- (aa) In the 2003/2004 financial year the allowances were allocated to one item therefore a breakdown cannot be provided:
- (i) (ii) R3,816,870.44 on accommodation and restaurant expenses, and
- (iii) R11,552,199.49 on travel costs.
- (bb) In the 2004/2005 financial year:
- (i) R2,480,426.60 on hotel accommodation,
- (ii) R215,798.98 on restaurant expenses, and
- (iii) R12,622,769.86 on travel costs.

- (cc) In the current financial year:
 - (i) R290,889.33 on hotel accommodation,
 - (ii) R9,305.16 on restaurant expenses, and
 - (iii) R775,150.14 on travel costs.

- (b) Rennies Travel, Sure Travel and Connex Travel received payment for services for the years 2003-2005. Toeropa and Harvey World Travel services were only used in 2003/2004.