

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NUMBER 56

DATE OF PUBLICATION: 9 FEBRUARY 2007

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 22 FEBRUARY 2007

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

- (1) Whether the National Treasury makes use of private security firms; if so, how much money was spent on such firms in (a) 2005 and (b) 2006;
- (2) whether these firms are used on a contractual basis; if so, (a) how many contracts did the National Treasury take out in this regard in 2006, (b) with which firms were these contracts taken out, (c) for what specific purpose was each contract taken out and (d) what was the value of the contract in each case;
- (3) why is there a need for the National Treasury to use a private security firm as opposed to state security? **N61E**

REPLY:

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) R 1, 665, 000.00
 - (b) R 1, 828, 000.00
- (2) Yes.
 - (a) None. A three year contract was entered into in 2005.
 - (b) Leondale Security Services.
 - (c) The private security company contracted is used for the provision of physical security which includes guarding outside and within the building, patrolling within the building and escorting employees between the National Treasury buildings.
 - (d) The value of the contract is R5,188,430.45 over the three-year period.
- (3) Considering the National Treasury's risk profile and its physical and information security needs, a decision was made to co-source (in source and out source) security. The surveillance and protection of the state's information is the responsibility of permanent employees. Physical security which includes guarding the entrance points of the buildings and patrolling within the buildings is entrusted to the private security company who are monitored and supervised by at least one state security employee throughout the 24 hours of service.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NUMBER 246

DATE OF PUBLICATION: 23 FEBRUARY 2007

DUE TO PARLIAMENT: 8 MARCH 2007

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

- (1) Whether any members of staff in the National Treasury aged 55 years and older applied for retirement packages in January 2006; if so, (a) how many applications were received, (b) on what dates and (c) what was the outcome of each application;
- (2) whether any of these retirement packages have not yet been finalised; if so, (a) what are the reasons for the delay, and (b) when is a final decision to be made, in each case?

N316E

REPLY:

- (1) None.
- (2) Not applicable.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NUMBER 430

DATE OF PUBLICATION: 16 MARCH 2007

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

With regard to every type of capital equipment which the National Treasury or any of the entities that he presides over are responsible to provide, (a) what is the backlog in respect of the provisioning of new capital equipment in terms of (i) the number of equipment units and (ii) rand value and (b) what is the backlog in respect of capital equipment maintenance in terms of (i) the type of maintenance required and (ii) rand value?

N656E

REPLY:

National Treasury

- (a) (i) None
- (ii) None

- (b) (i) None
- (ii) None

Statistics South Africa

(a) (i) & (ii)

Description	Number of units	Rand value
Servers and related equipment	20	R3'829'639.01
Computers and related equipment	186	R1'926'079.40
Printers	2	R118'188.09
Total	208	R5'873'906.50

(b) (i) & (ii)

Not applicable to Stats SA.

South African Revenue Service

- (a) SARS' provisioning of capital equipment is influenced by operational requirements. These requirements are fulfilled via proper procurement processes and there are no backlogs. In the case of accommodation SARS enters into lease agreements for operational requirements (except for the office building in Alberton South which was purchased on 2 January 2006 through a finance lease).
- (b) SARS has entered into agreements with service providers for the provision of maintenance related requirements on capital equipment and these are governed by service level agreements.

Financial Intelligence Centre

There is no backlog in either procurement of the capital equipment nor the maintenance thereof in the financial year ended 31 March 2007.

Public Investment Corporation

The only capital equipment on the balance sheet of the PIC are motor vehicles, furniture, computer hardware, other office equipment and computer software. This equipment is used for the day-to-day operations of the Company and the PIC does not invest in any other capital equipment.

- (a) Not applicable
 - (i) Falls away
 - (ii) Falls away

- (b) Not applicable
 - (i) Falls away
 - (ii) Falls away