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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Dr D T George (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(1) Whether the National Treasury has conducted and or commissioned a study on the (a) fiscal and/or (b) financial and/or (c) economic effects of the proposed National Health Insurance (NHI); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;(2) whether there is an estimate of the impact on government expenditure and the resulting increase in taxes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

(1) (a), (b) and (c)

The National Treasury has not yet conducted or commissioned a study of the proposed National Health Insurance system yet. This important reform process will involve both public sector financing reforms and changes to the medical schemes environment. Once specific proposals have been finalised for consideration, their fiscal, financial and economic implications will be reviewed in consultation with the Department of Health and affected stakeholders

(2) Falls away