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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Mr M Swart (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the Financial Services Board is considering tighter admission requirements for compliance officials operating in the financial sector; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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Reply:

Yes, according to the Financial Services Board (FSB), they are currently engaged in revising the requirements for compliance officers to make provision for the introduction of:

1. Qualification and experience requirements for all compliance officers;
2. Regulatory examinations;
3. Continued professional development requirements;
4. Increased operational ability requirements; and
5. A structured process for gaining experience as a compliance officer.

The industry has been widely consulted on the revised requirements. Comments received on the proposals are being considered.

The existing arrangements are that all compliance officers (including employees of independent compliance practices) that are not directors, members, trustees or partners of the authorised financial services provider must comply with prescribed qualification and experience requirements. These consist of a minimum of a 3-year degree (or

equivalent) and 3 years of relevant compliance or risk management experience. Compliance officers must also comply with operational ability requirements.