

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr EJ Marais to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether he intends simplifying the process which private businesses must follow in applying for private, public partnerships: if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

The National Treasury has over past years undertaken a number of steps to simplify the PPP process. Detailed guidelines were developed for provincial and national projects and additional guidelines were developed for municipalities and tourism. All these recognize the different types of PPP and allows for adjustment of process based on size and complexity. A toolkit for serviced accommodation will be published next year. Recognizing the potential and capacity the private sector can bring in originating projects the National Treasury has designed and published an unsolicited bid framework which details the steps the private sector can take. PPPs require appropriate risk-sharing and contract management for them to be successful and beneficial to the state, business and the public. Therefore, while PPP processes need to be simplified, we need to ensure that appropriate risk management measures are in place.

We are in constant engagement with all stakeholders and would welcome any further suggestions.