

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Mr L W Greyling (ID) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) What measures did he put in place in the National Treasury to reduce the waste of government funds through the cancelling of reservations for accommodation and conferences;
- (2) what has been the total amount spent by the National Treasury on cancelled reservations for accommodation and conferences in the 2008-09 financial year?

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REPLY:

- (1) In order to curb costs, the preference of the National Treasury in recent times has been to make increasing use of government's own facilities as far as possible. Nevertheless, there are still occurrences when external facilities are used and this is primary for accommodation. Provision has, however, been made for disclosure of information when late cancellations occur in respect of reservations for, amongst others, accommodation and conferences. In circumstances where negligence has been identified on the part of an official, punitive measures in terms of the policy are enforced.
- (2)

Total amount spent on cancelled reservations for:	2008-09 financial year
Accommodation – late cancellation of 3 official reservations within the 48 hour cancellation policy of hotels	R3 429.00
Conferences	R0.00