

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Mr A M Mpontshane (IFP) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether any officials in the National Treasury (a) have been investigated, (b) are currently under investigation and (c) have been charged for alleged (i) corrupt or (ii) fraudulent activity; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any disciplinary action has been taken against employees of the National Treasury for (a) fraud and/or (b) corruption; if so, (i) how many instances of disciplinary actions have (aa) been finalised and (bb) not been finalised and (ii) in each case, (aa) what sanctions have been meted out and (bb) how long has it taken to finalise such disciplinary actions;
- (3) whether he has found that the National Treasury has adequate investigative capacity inclusive of manpower and infrastructure in respect of disciplinary proceedings; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) (a) Yes.
(b) Yes.

1 (a)	1 (c) i + ii	1 (c) i + ii
Investigated	4 employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Investigation into alleged <i>favouritism</i> closed as allegation determined to be unfounded▪ Investigation into alleged <i>fraudulent appointment</i> closed as allegation determined to be unfounded▪ Investigation into alleged <i>misappropriation of funds</i> closed as allegation determined to be unfounded▪ Investigation into alleged corruption in the procurement process, leave fraud, misappropriation of funds led to charges of fraud and corruption against the employee.
1 (b)		
Currently under investigation	2 employees	Both current investigations relate to corruption in the procurement process.

(2) (a+b)

Yes, disciplinary action has been taken against an employee for fraud and corruption.

(i) (aa) None

(bb) One

(ii) (aa) The disciplinary process is currently being finalised. Relevant sanctions will be meted out based on the finalised outcomes.

(bb) The disciplinary process has taken 7 months to finalise due to valid postponements by the accused and the need to re-appoint the presiding officer following the original presiding officer passing away.

Yes, the National Treasury has forensic investigative capacity. The current capacity is limited to the Department's Internal Audit and Enterprise Risk and Security Management units, however where necessary, investigations are either forwarded to the Department's Specialised Audit Services Unit or in exceptional circumstance, outsourced to external service providers.