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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Mr M W Makhubela (COPE-Limpopo) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the National Treasury will provide specific figures, including future projections, relating to the real non-interest consolidated expenditure by main economic category for (a) compensation of employees, (b) goods and services and (c) capital payments from 1 April 2002 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY

The National Treasury publishes nominal data in its publications, as such publications provide additional information on departmental appropriations and budgets which are presented in nominal terms. Included below are tables (*Annexure A*) presenting the consolidated non-interest expenditure in both nominal and real terms, by main category of expenditure. CPI was used as the deflator to calculate the real numbers.

Currently the consolidated government data includes 160 national and provincial departments and 181 entities of central government. The attached tables provides data from the 2006/07 financial year as the consolidation including public entities was first introduced in Budget 2006, resulting in comparable data for earlier financial years not being available at this stage.