

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Mr I O Davidson (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the Government received any (a) aid and/or (b) low-interest loans from any countries; if so, (i)(aa) from which countries, (bb) how much money was received from each country and (cc) what is the total monetary value of all aid received by the Government (aaa) in the (aaaa) 2009-10, (bbbb) 2010-11 and (cccc) 2011-12 financial years and (bbb) during the period 1 April 2012 up to the latest specified date for which information is available?

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REPLY:

In responding to this question, certain clarifications are required with regard to the aid received by South Africa.

- (1) The aid for which the South African Government is held accountable is deemed to be Official Development Assistance and is governed by government to government agreements. This assistance can be in the form of technical cooperation (e.g. provision of expertise, technical assistance, training, study tours, secondments etc.), or in the form of grants and in this instance, the funds are usually channelled through the RDP Fund. It is however difficult to give an exact figure on the amount received in terms of technical assistance as the amounts

identified in most of the agreements signed during the mentioned period is in the currency of the specific donor. It should furthermore be noted that due to the variance in the exchange rates over a financial year a set exchange rate cannot be determined to convert these amounts into a rand denomination as this would give a distorted picture in terms of what was allocated and what was received.

- (a) The government has received assistance from various development partners (grant and in-kind assistance) during the last three financial years with the European Union, Global Fund, Canada, United Kingdom and Germany being amongst the biggest development partners with a total grant received amounting to R4.3 billion for the period 2009 – 2012.
- (b) The individual contributions received from the abovementioned development partners for the last three financial years is as follows:

Total grants received through the RDP Fund			
R 'million	Audited		Estimate
Development Partner	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
European Union	876	564	1181
Global Fund	245	110	99
United Kingdom	39	3	95
Canada	25	57	25
Flemish	36	23	10
Finland	56	23	8
CDC of United States	26	42	7
Denmark	49	47	3
Various Development Partners*	491	142	52
Total	1843	1011	1480
* Various Development Partners are those that have not consistently contributed significantly over the past three years			

The total in-kind assistance received as recorded in the Estimates of National Expenditure amounted to R365 million, R116 million and R197 million during the 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 years respectively.

South Africa as a Government has not received any low interest loans from any country during the previous three financial years.

- (c) The total monetary value of all aid received (grant and in-kind assistance) totals R5 billion