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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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2224. Mr N J J van R Koornhof (Cope) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- 1) When does he envisage that his department's task force in Limpopo will hand over its administrative duties to the respective provincial departments;
- 2) whether he has found that the specified departments in Limpopo will be able to operate independently in future; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- 1) National government will ensure that the administrative functions are returned to the provincial government as soon as possible. In this respect, the exit strategy is already being implemented, with critical capacity being established for the purposes of budget management, infrastructure management and supply chain management. Although the National Treasury is providing the primary coordination for the intervention in Limpopo Province, each national Cabinet member and the relevant department assigned to play the administrative role in terms of the Cabinet discussion of 05 December 2011 must determine whether the specific service delivery shortcomings that led to the initial intervention have been sufficiently addressed. It must be noted that project plans for the turnaround of every department were initially drafted in cooperation with the government of Limpopo Province. We are continuously monitoring progress in each area in order to reach a decision on the specific date for the termination of the intervention.
- 2) The first priority was to stabilise the cash position and then rebuild capacity which is a longer term process. The relevant Ministers can comment further on this question.