

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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2907. Mr M G P Lekota (Cope) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the National Treasury had, in the budget preparation process, approved of work involving expenditure on the President, Mr J G Zuma's Nkandla homestead; if not, where was the money sourced from to undertake the Nkandla project; if so, (a) what amount was approved for the project, (b) over what period, (c) for what specific purposes, (d) why was it not included in the Estimates of National Expenditure for 2012 and (e) why was the approval of the National Assembly not obtained about the intended expenditure?

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REPLY:

The Department of Public Works used an existing baseline for the expenditure on the project and would therefore not have been required to submit a specific budget bid for the project. Details of the expenditure on the project concerned are available from the Department of Public Works. In addition, the Minister of Public Works has also announced various investigations into the project concerned. The overall budget, which is approved by Cabinet based on the recommendations of the Ministers Committee on the Budget (MinComBud), is tabled in parliament by the Minister of Finance. After the tabling of individual votes by respective Ministers, the budget is then approved by parliament.