

# **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

## **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

### **QUESTION NUMBER 625 – NW698E**

**ADV A De W ALBERTS TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:**

#### **QUESTION:**

Whether any members of Parliament are currently being audited by the SA Revenue Service; if so, (a) how many members are being audited and (b) regarding which financial years? NW698E

#### **REPLY:**

The selection of taxpayers for audit is an objective process performed by an automated risk engine according to predetermined rules. The risk engine identifies an individual for an audit dependant on the evaluation of their return against the information attained from other sources. This process is usually satisfied by the submission of supporting documents. The return is only referred for an audit after the review of the supporting documents and when an anomaly has been identified.

Members of Parliament are like any other tax payer subject to the same process described above. I am informed that of the cases referred for review the majority of cases were resolved by verifying the documents submitted in support of claims against the allowances.