

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER 668 [NW828E]**

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**Mr D A Kganare (Cope) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) With reference to a certain statement (details furnished) on 7 July 2010, by the National Treasury, regarding the purchase of soccer tickets for the 2010 FIFA World Cup Soccer tournament, what were the decisions of the meeting regarding the purchase of such tickets;
- (2) Whether he will take any steps in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what steps will be taken to ensure that similar practices will not recur?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) The meeting with the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) and with the Auditor-General did not take place.
- (2) The Minister elected to rather strengthen the regulatory environment to, amongst others, enhance transparency and to ensure prudence in government spending. Extensive consultations took place with all relevant stakeholders prior to its finalization. The National Treasury also enhanced its support to departments by developing Strategic Support plans to assist those departments whose financial management practices are considered inconsistent with the ethos of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999).