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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY  
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**1264. Mr N J J van R Koornhof (Cope) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

How much tax, duly assessed by the SA Revenue Service, remained unpaid by citizens by 31 March 2013?

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**REPLY:**

At 31 March 2013 the total debt to SARS stood at R82.3 billion compared to R88.7 billion on 31 March 2012. This includes all outstanding assessed tax, duties, penalties and interest.

The R82.3 billion is comprised of

- R54.4 billion capital (66%)
- R16.7 billion interest
- R11.2 billion penalties and additional taxes

The R82.3 billion is aged according to the following categories:

- 0 to 6 Months: R17.8 billion
- 7 to 12 Months: R10.1 billion
- 13 to 24 Months: R16.2 billion
- Over 25 Months: R38.2 billion

During the 2012/13 financial year debt as a percentage of tax revenue declined from 11.9% in 2011/12 to 10.11%.

Debt phone calls.

In the past financial year almost 280,000 debt phone calls on average a month were made: 3.3million for the year. More than 1million SMS messages on debt were sent.