

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**  
**QUESTION NUMBER: 1283 [NW1604E]**  
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**1283. Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) Whether any investigation has been undertaken into the cause of the fire at the offices of the SA Revenue Service (SARS) in Mount Edgecombe in KwaZulu-Natal in February 2012; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings;
- (2) Whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY**

- (1) It should be noted that the fire originated on the third floor of the building in which SARS, Mount Edgecombe is a tenant. The SARS office is situated on the basement level of the building.

The SARS office only suffered water damage to the flooring, electrical infrastructure and furniture but there was no fire damage.

The matter was reported to the South African Polices Service (case number 531/02/2012). It was investigated by the Forensic Science Laboratory (report number 63902/2012) and the findings were as follows:

- There were no signs of forced entry.
- There were no indications of arson or negligence.
- Electrical malfunctioning is the most probable cause of the fire.

- (2) Refer to the above.