

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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2119. Mr M Swart (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether any staff member in the National Treasury (a) performed work in addition to the responsibilities related to his or her work, outside normal working hours, in the (i) 2008-09, (ii) 2009-10, (iii) 2010-11, (iv) 2011-12 and (v) 2012-13 financial years and (b) has been performing such work during the period 1 April 2013 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, how is it determined whether such work is being performed or not; if so, in each case, (aa) how many staff members and (bb) in what job or work categories are the specified staff members employed;
- (2) whether approval for such work was obtained in each case; if not, what are the relevant details; if so, (a) what is the policy of the National Treasury in this regard, (b) by whom are such applications considered and approved, (c) how many contraventions of this policy were brought to the attention of the National Treasury in the (i) 2010-11, (ii) 2011-12 and (iii) 2012-13 financial years and (d) what steps have been taken against transgressors?

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REPLY:

National Treasury (NT) employees are requested to obtain approval from the Accounting Officer before they conduct work in addition to their NT work. Should employees not comply with this request, NT will be made aware by the Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA) during the annual audits.

- (1) (a) Yes

(1)	Period	(aa) Number of staff members	(bb) Job / Work categories	(2)
(i)	1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009	0	Not Applicable (NA)	NA
(ii)	1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Policy • Tax Policy • Security 	Yes – 2
(iii)	1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Policy • Tax Policy • Security 	Yes - 2

(iv)	1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting • Strategy & Risk Management • Security • Economic Policy • Tax Policy 	Yes - 7
(v)	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information & Communications Technology • Security • Economic Policy • Risk Management • Accounting • Communications 	Yes - 10

(1) (b) None, SMS employees declare their financial interest during April of each year, for the previous financial year. That includes remunerated work outside the public service.

(2) Yes, employees obtained approval; refer to column (2) in the table above. In previous years approvals were returned directly to employees. Missing approvals are as a result of resignation. Filing of approvals is now centralized as demonstrated by the 2012/13 information.

(a) The National Treasury applies Section 30 and 31 of the Public Service Act.

(b) Applications are considered and approved by the Executing Authority or his delegated authority.

(2)	Period	(c) Number of contraventions brought to NT's attention	(d) Steps taken against transgressors
(i)	1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011	Nil	NA
(ii)	1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012	5	Written & verbal warnings issued. Ex post facto approvals after raising awareness.
(iii)	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013	Nil	NA