

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
QUESTION NUMBER: 173 [NW222E]
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173. Mr M W Rabotapi (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) What are the details of all the costs of the maintenance of the pot plants in his (a) departmental offices and (b) official residence (i) in the (aa) 2009-10, (bb) 2010-11, (cc) 2011-12, (dd) 2012-13 and (ee) 2013-14 financial year and (ii) since 1 April 2014 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) in respect of the pot plant maintenance, (a) what is the (i) address and (ii) name of the office where they were/are displayed, (b) for whose benefit are these pot plants, (c) what was/is the value of maintenance for each office and (d) what are the details of any contracts and/or plans for the maintenance of these pot plants in the future?

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REPLY:

(1)	Period	(a) Departmental Offices	(b) Official Residences
(i) (aa)	2009-10	R 251,996.40	N/A
(i) (bb)	2010-11	R 287,512.80	N/A
(i) (cc)	2011-12	R 212,733.73	N/A
(i) (dd)	2012-13	R 229,908.41	N/A
(i) (ee)	2013-14	R 216,470.54	N/A
(ii)	1 April 2014 – 31 May 2014	R 39, 917.15	N/A

2 (a) (i) Address	2 (a) (ii) Name of the Site	2 (c) Maintenance costs
240 Madiba Street, Pretoria, 0002	240 Vermeulen Street	R 9 302.29 p/m
40 Church Square, Pretoria, 0002;	40 Church Square	R 2 657.80 p/m
John Vorster Drive South, Centurion 0152	SITA Building	R 1 328.90 p/m
3 rd Floor, 120 Plein Street, Cape Town, 8000	120 Plein Street	R 5 021.00 p/m

(2) (b) The benefit of the pot plants is for all the buildings' inhabitants, aesthetics and other health benefits as improving air quality and noise reductions.

(2) (d) The contract for the maintenance of the office plants and supply replacement as and when required, is in place for a period of three (3) years, ending 31 March 2017 for the total cost of R478 403.28.