

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 566 [NW649E]**

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**566. Dr D T George (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) Whether any cases were reported to the Financial Intelligence Centre during the period 1 June 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, how many;
- (2) whether any prosecutions were initiated; if so, how many;
- (3) whether any convictions were obtained; if so, what amount?

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**REPLY:**

1. Between 1 April 2009 and 31 March 2014 (the period of the past five financial years) the FIC received 623 020 suspicious transaction reports (STRs) containing information suggesting that the persons or entities reported to the FIC may be engaged in financial conduct that is suspicious, outside of the ordinary or unusual. The FIC analysed and prioritised (based on crime combatting priorities and national security requirements) these reports into cases that may require further investigation by law enforcement agencies, the tax authority, security agencies or regulators as defined in the FIC Act. Between 1 April 2009 and 31 March 2014 the FIC referred 3 555 of these cases for further investigation.
2. The FIC is unable to provide statistics concerning prosecutions because the NPA is responsible for the compilation of prosecution statistics.
3. The FIC is unable to provide statistics concerning convictions because the NPA is responsible for the compilation of such statistics.