

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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1258. Mr M G P Lekota (Cope) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the purchase of three executive jets had his approval and support and why was the purchase not provided for in the Budget he presented to the National Assembly on 25 February 2015; if not, on what basis was the Government proceeding to acquire the three executive jets at R2 billion; if so, how does he reconcile his call for austerity and roll-back of expenditure in Government with the purchase of three executive jets?

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REPLY:

An allocation is made to the Executive and the Executive has the discretion on how the funds will be utilized. The Executive is also held accountable in terms of how the funds are utilized. In respect of the Department of Defence it has a Defence Special Account and purchases from this account are approved by the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans. The Department of Defence therefore does not need to get specific approval from the Minister of Finance if it has the funds to purchase the three jets.