

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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231. Ms E C van Lingen (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Which additional levies were charged by each municipality in (a) Kouga and (b) Koukamma in the past five years;
- (2) Whether these levies have been ring-fenced for the purpose for which they were implemented; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) how much was charged annually in each case in the past five years, (b) how were these levies used in each case and (c) what are the balances to date in each ring-fenced account?

REPLY:

Answer to question 1(a):

- In terms of section 151(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, the executive and legislative authority of a municipality is vested in Municipal Councils. Section 151(3) of the Constitution also states that a municipality has the right to govern on its own initiatives subject to national and provincial legislation.
- It is against this backdrop that the Honorable member should direct the question to Kouga and Koukama local municipalities which are constitutional spheres of government established in terms of the chapter 2 (section 12(1)) of the Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998) read with section 151(1) of the Constitution.

Answer to question 1(b)

- See 1(a) above.

Answer to question 2

- See 1(a) above.

Answer to question 3(a)

- See 1(a) above.

Answer to question 3(b)

- See 1(a) above.