

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
QUESTION NUMBER: 2472 [NW2841E]
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2472. Mr T R Majola (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether he is aware that a certain official (name and details furnished) from the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality only disclosed irregular expenditure of R119 million for awards above R10 million not approved by the accounting officer (details furnished), when according to the National Treasury the amount was R819 million;
- (2) whether he is aware that the specified official from the specified municipality failed to disclose the additional R700 million irregular expenditure in both the 2012-13 and 2013-14 financial years (details furnished);
- (3) whether he will take any steps based on the above information; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the steps he intends to take?

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REPLY:

- (1) The amount of R819 million was not provided by the National Treasury. This amount was mentioned by the municipality in their letter dated 3 September 2012 to the National Treasury.
- (2) The National Treasury was not aware of incorrect disclosures by the municipality. This would have been highlighted through the municipal audit process which is led and undertaken by the Office of the Auditor-General.
- (3) The municipal council is responsible for all decisions taken in a municipality; therefore, this matter should be referred to the municipal council for a response.