

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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488. Mr W M Madisha (Cope) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the Government is using a quarterly tracking tool provided, as an internal control initiative, to help the executive authority determine whether officials among the Government auditees were remedying identified loopholes in their administrative systems and making the required improvements or whether such auditees were in fact remaining stagnant, regressing or failing to implement audit recommendations; if not, why not; if so, (a) what quantifiable benefits have resulted from the use of the tracking tool and (b) from which institution was it borrowed?

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REPLY:

The quarterly tracking tool is provided by the Auditor General to each auditee to assess the fundamentals of internal controls in each department, entity or municipality. The National Treasury does not monitor these quarterly tracking tools, as we are currently using other methods such as audit action plans and strategic support plans amongst others to monitor the movement in audit outcomes. The Auditor General frequently meets with the Accounting Officers / Accounting Authorities and the respective Executive Authorities to discuss progress on the tracking tool, and commitments made in relation to internal controls and audit outcomes are recorded by the Auditor General in the General Report.