

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**  
**QUESTION NUMBER: 1150 [NW1292E]**  
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**1150. Mr D J Maynier (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(a) What are the full relevant details of the Expenditure Reductions for the 2016 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework, as highlighted in Table 3.3 on page 31 of the 2016 Budget Review, in terms of the source of the specified reductions in the (i) 2017-18 and (ii) 2018-19 financial years in each (aa) national department, (bb) province and (cc) municipality and (b) what percentage do the specified amounts represent in each case in respect of the (i) reductions at each level, (ii) total reduction and (iii) total reduction in each specified financial year?

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**REPLY:**

The reductions of R10 billion in 2017/18 and R15 billion in 2018/19 were effected on compensation budgets at the national and provincial levels of government. These were allocated based on the proportion of non-occupational specific dispensation (OSD) positions in a department. This ensures that the impact on service delivery is minimised, as the bulk of the reductions will apply to managerial and administrative staff. Of these amounts, national departments carried 53 per cent of the cuts and provincial governments carried 47 per cent, based on the proportions on non-OSD staff at both levels. Provincial reductions were effected through the provincial equitable share (PES).

**Table 1: Summary of expenditure cuts at the national level**

National	2017/18		2018/19	
	Rand terms	Per cent of total budget	Rand terms	Per cent of total budget
Agriculture, rural development and land reform	-300 275	1.79%	-502 581	2.84%
Basic education	-57 213	0.20%	-92 060	0.30%
Defence, public order and safety	-3 310 149	1.78%	-5 138 355	2.62%
Economic affairs	-492 840	0.60%	-795 545	0.87%
General public services	-899 985	0.18%	-1 455 877	0.28%
Health	-45 638	0.11%	-71 469	0.15%
Human settlements and municipal infrastructure	-28 930	0.02%	-43 136	0.02%
Post school education and training	-35 323	0.05%	-55 043	0.07%
Social protection	-29 647	0.02%	-45 934	0.03%
<b>Total</b>	<b>-5 200 000</b>		<b>-8 200 000</b>	

**Table 2: Summary of expenditure cuts at the provincial level**

Province	2017/18		2018/19	
	Rand terms	Per cent of PES share	Rand terms	Per cent of PES share
Eastern Cape	-674 690	1.09%	-954 601	1.45%
Free State	-268 467	1.09%	-378 896	1.45%
Gauteng	-939 962	1.09%	-1 336 689	1.45%
Kw aZulu-Natal	-1 019 441	1.08%	-1 441 798	1.45%
Limpopo	-565 286	1.09%	-799 933	1.45%
Mpumalanga	-393 658	1.09%	-558 249	1.45%
Northern Cape	-127 260	1.08%	-180 086	1.45%
North West	-330 517	1.09%	-468 439	1.45%
Western Cape	-480 718	1.08%	-681 309	1.45%
<b>Total</b>	<b>-4 800 000</b>		<b>-6 800 000</b>	

