

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 2513 [NW2927E]**

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**2513. Mr D J Maynier (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether the Commissioner of the SA Revenue Service, Mr Tom Moyane, has any bodyguards; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what is the purpose of the bodyguards, (b) why are the bodyguards necessary, (c) how many bodyguards are utilised in the security detail of the specified person, (d) what was the (i) total expenditure and (ii) breakdown of such expenditure on the bodyguards (aa) in the (aaa) 2014-15 and (bbb) 2015-16 financial years and (bb) since 1 April 2016?

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**REPLY:**

**This information is provided by the South African Revenue Service (SARS). The Ministry of Finance cannot verify this information.**

The Commissioner of the South African Revenue Service, Mr Tom Moyane does have Protective Service Officers allocated to him.

**(a) What is the purpose of the bodyguards?**

A bodyguard is a protective agent who is paid to protect an organization's assets (property, people, money, etc.) from a variety of hazards (such as damaged property, unsafe worker behaviour, criminal activity, etc.) by utilizing preventative measures.

**(b) Why are the bodyguards necessary?**

SARS is a critical institution which is tasked with revenue collection, including from high profile individuals and businesses. Due to the nature of its mandate it is vital that the Commissioner and SARS employees who are threatened or deemed to have been threatened by individuals or syndicates under investigation are provided with personal protectors. The

current Commissioner including previous SARS Commissioners have all been allocated protective service for this reason.

**(c) How many bodyguards are utilised in the security detail of the specified person?**

The number of Protective Service Officers (PSO) is determined by the threat and risk assessment (TRA) which is compiled in advance by South African Police. By divulging the number protectors assigned to the Commissioner will be a breach of security measures currently in place.

**(d) what was the**

**(i) total expenditure**

Total expenditure is dependent on the employee grade see breakdown below

**(ii) breakdown of such expenditure  
(aa) in the**

**(aaa) 2014-15**

Period	Minimum of grade 4B pa	Midpoint of grade 4B pa	Maximum of grade 4B pa
1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015	215 508	295 212	374 916
Cell phone	R650		
Uniform Allowance	6831.58		

**(bbb) 2015-16 financial years and**

Period	Minimum of grade 4B pa	Midpoint of grade 4B pa	Maximum of grade 4B pa
1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016	228 504	313 008	397 524
Cell Phone	R500		
Uniform Allowance	7226.47		

**(bb) 1 April 2016**

Period	Minimum of grade 4B pa	Midpoint of grade 4B pa	Maximum of grade 4B pa
1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017	R237 984	R317 316	R396 648
Cell phone	R400		
Uniform Allowance	7226.47		