

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY  
QUESTION NUMBER: 609 [NW772E]  
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**609. Mr N F Shivambu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) What was the cost incurred by the SA Revenue Services of paying the many lawyers in particular a certain law firm and a certain company, contracted to work on a certain person's tax matter;
- (2) was an open tender process followed in appointing the specified lawyers; if not, why not; if so, what were the terms of reference? NW772E

**REPLY:**

The South African Revenue Service has submitted the following information. Please note that the Minister is unable to verify the content.

- (1) Due to the secrecy provisions contained in Section 69 of the Tax Administration Act No. 28 of 2011, SARS is prohibited from disclosing any taxpayer information (Including whether or not a taxpayer is subject to an audit/ investigation) to any person other than a SARS official.
- (2) In terms of Procurement processes SARS is guided by the PFMA and the Treasury Regulations. These requirements form the framework and basis of all practices and processes relating to procurement within the organisation.