

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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992. Mr B R Topham (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether any person in the National Treasury requested changes to the Standing Committee on Finance's programme for (a) Tuesday, 15 March 2016 and/or (b) Wednesday, 16 March 2016; if not, why not; if so, (i) what is the name of the person and (ii) why were the changes requested;
- (2) whether the person who requested the changes to the programme was authorised to do so; if not, why not; if so, what is the name of the person who authorised the request;
- (3) whether the request for changes to the programme was submitted to the specified committee in writing; if not, why not; if so, when?

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REPLY:

(1)(2)(3) The National Treasury is invited by the relevant parliamentary committee Chairperson according to their programme and only the parliamentary committee is able to decide on its programme and any possible changes. The Chairpersons and / or Committee Secretaries do consult with the relevant ministries and departments on the availability of the Minister, Deputy Minister and also the representational departmental officials before finalizing an invitation. Therefore, I suggest that this request should be directed to the identified Committee Chairperson for comment.