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3377. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether he has been informed that members of the so-called Rogue Unit of the SA Revenue Service were allegedly given R150 million by a certain person (name furnished) allegedly to illegally install cameras and bugs at the offices of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation and the SA Police Services in 2007; if not, what is the position in this regard;
- whether they obtained the authority to do the alleged illegal installations; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, who authorised it?

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REPLY

- (1) I am not aware of an alleged payment of R150 million that was allegedly given to the members of the so called Rogue Unit.
- (2) The Acting Commissioner has consulted with his Finance Team and they have confirmed that there is no record of the alleged R150 million payment flowing through the SARS Bank Accounts.
- (3) The Acting-Commissioner furthermore informs me that to his knowledge, no installation of this nature occurred in the course of SARS operations and that no authority for the alleged installation was, as a result, requested from SARS or granted by SARS.