

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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2753. Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether any forensic investigations were conducted into the operations of the Financial and Fiscal Commission in the period 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2018; if so, what are the details of (a) the person(s) who conducted each forensic investigation, (b) the costs of conducting each forensic investigation, (c) each forensic investigation, (d) the reports produced for each forensic investigation, (e) the recommendations made in each report, (f) all action taken to implement the recommendations and (g) all disciplinary action taken against any person employed by the commission?

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REPLY:

Yes, one forensic investigation was conducted into the operations of the Financial and Fiscal Commission in the period 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2018.

- a) The forensic investigation was conducted by the Special Audit Services of the National Treasury together with a private firm called Bowman Gilfillan.
- b) The total forensic investigation fees paid by the National Treasury to Bowman Gilfillan amounted to R1,3 Million.
- c) See b) above
- d) One report on the Investigation into the allegation of fraud, corruption, fruitless and wasteful expenditure and maladministration at the Financial and Fiscal Commission was produced.
- e) Recommendations contained in the report covered the following matters:
 - (i) Disciplinary action to be taken against employees
 - (ii) Matters to be referred to law enforcement agencies to initiate criminal investigation
 - (iii) Recovery of monies from the implicated employees.
- f)
 - (i) Disciplinary action has begun against affected employees. Two of the employees have resigned
 - (ii) Criminal matters were referred to the South African Police Services on 26 July 2017 by the National Treasury.
 - (iv) Recovery of monies process will be initiated once the disciplinary actions have been finalized
- g) See(f) (i) above