

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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299. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(a) How many public representatives have been audited by the SA Revenue Service in each tax year since 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) how many have been audited in each political party in each of the said years?

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REPLY:

- a) "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 Enforcement action such as a verification, audit or criminal investigation) to any person other than a SARS official. From a statistical perspective, 278 audits have been completed on National Parliamentarians since 2009 whilst 260 audits have been completed on Provincial Parliamentarians since 2009.
- b) The South African Revenue Service (SARS) makes no differentiation according to taxpayers' political affiliation. SARS treats the tax affairs of all parliamentarians in exactly the same manner as all other taxpayers in accordance with the SARS revenue compliance model. This model is premised on three components to encourage tax compliance: Education, Service and Enforcement."