

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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3382. Adv T E Mulaudzi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether taxpayer and SA Revenue Service information were shared by certain SA Revenue Service officials (names furnished) with certain persons (names furnished) during the period 1 January 1999 up to 31 December 2009; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, who authorised it?

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REPLY

I have consulted with the Acting Commissioner of SARS who informs me that:

- The sharing of such taxpayer information would have been a breach of the then provisions of the Income Tax Act (and other legislation administered by the Commissioner) relating to secrecy; and
- Every SARS employee at the time was, and still is, required to take an oath or affirmation of secrecy in respect of all SARS and taxpayer information.

He has no evidence indicating that any such information was shared by the said SARS Officials with the said persons in that period.