

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES  
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY  
QUESTION NUMBER: 334 [CW526E]  
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**334. Mr A B Cloete (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) Whether the National Treasury has received any requests for funding from the Lejweleputswa District Municipality for the purchase of land where Sol Plaatjie was born in order to declare it a heritage site; if so, how much was requested;
- (2) whether the National Treasury will fund the purchasing of such a site; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) No, National Treasury has not received any request for funding from the Lejweleputswa District Municipality for the purchase of land.
- (2) National Treasury only funds municipalities through the Equitable Share which is an unconditional grant that supplements the revenue that municipalities derived from property rates and service charges. Its purpose is to provide funding for municipalities to deliver free basic services to poor households and subsidise the cost of administration. National Treasury does not fund the type of projects referred to in your question. It is solely at the discretion of the Municipal Council to fund these types of projects from their own funds.