

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
QUESTION NUMBER: 112 [CW153E]

112. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

With reference to page 82 in the Budget Review 2021 document (details furnished) regarding borrowing costs, what was the (a) actual annual interest rate per line item for 2019/20 and (b) what is the (i) current annual interest rate per line item for 2021/22 and (ii) projected average annual interest rate per line item for the medium term periods at (aa) current and (bb) fluctuating exchange rates that are based on expected trends?

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REPLY:

The National Treasury does not publish its forecasts relating to government bond yields and exchange rates. However, the drivers of these variables such as the South Africa's risk premium, commodity prices and inflation are published in Chapter 2 of the 2021 Budget (Table 2.2 the macro-economic forecast and Table 2.3 macro-economic assumptions). The National Treasury's policy rate forecast is broadly aligned to that of the Reserve Bank of South Africa (See SARB's January MPC statement).