

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**  
**QUESTION NUMBER: 1492 [NW1698E]**

**1492. Mr M S Malatsi (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) Whether the National Treasury has concluded any work exchange and/or employment agreements with any entity of the Republic of Cuba from the 2010-11 financial year up to the 2020-21 financial year; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) total number of Cuban nationals (i) have been employed in each of the specified financial years and/or (ii) are due to be employed in the 2021-23 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework period, (b) are the details of the work that each of the specified Cuban nationals was and/or will be employed to perform, (c) are the details of the specific skills sets that each of the specified Cuban nationals possessed and/or will possess that South African nationals did or will not possess and (d) are the details of the total cost of employing each of the specified Cuban nationals in each case;
- (2) whether the National Treasury took any steps to ensure that the specific skills set of the specified Cuban nationals were and/or will not be available in the Republic amongst South African citizens; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the (a) steps taken and (b) outcomes of the steps taken in this regard?

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**REPLY:**

(1) & (2)

The National Treasury has not concluded any work exchange and / or employment agreements with any entity of the Republic of Cuba during the period 2010/11 FY to 2020/21 FY. The National Treasury is an equal opportunity employer and follows all prescripts in terms of employment in the public service. The department does not hold any formal position in regards to work exchange and / or employment agreements with any entity of the Republic of Cuba.