NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION NUMBER: 2141 [NW2430E]

2141. Mr A N Sarupen (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What (a) number of employees of (i) the National Treasury and (ii) any of the entities reporting to him who are on level 11 salary scale and above have been suspended with full pay (aa) in the 2020-21 financial year and (bb) during the period 1 April 2021 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) is the total amount of money that was paid by the (i) National Treasury and (ii) entities reporting to him in each case? NW2430E

REPLY:

NATIONAL TREASURY

(a) (i) (aa) Nil (bb) One

(b) (i) R260 507,19

ASB

The Accounting Standards Board did not suspend any employees during the 2020/21 financial year. No employees have been suspended to date. No reporting to the National Treasury was necessary.

CBDA

The Co-operative Banks Development Agency has no employees on level 11 salary scale and above suspended with full pay (aa) in the 2020-21 financial year and (bb) during the period 1 April 2021 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) no amount of money was paid.

FAIS OMBUD

No employee was suspended in the 2020/21 financial year for the Office of the Ombud for Financial Services Providers.

FIC

(a)(ii) No employees of the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) were suspended during (aa) the 2020-21 financial year and (bb) during the period 1 April 2021 to date.(b)(ii) Not applicable.

FSCA

The FSCA had no employee suspended with full pay for the period under review.

GEPF

There are no employees in the Government Employees Pension Fund that have been suspended during the 2020/21 financial year as well as the period from 1 April 2021 to date.

GPAA

The Government Pensions Administration Agency has <u>no</u> staff members in the category specified in the above question on suspension.

IRBA

(aa) The Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA) has not suspended staff with pay at any level for the 2020/2021 financial year.

(bb) The IRBA has not suspended staff with pay at any level, for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 August 2021.

PFA

The Office of the Pension Funds Adjudicator has no employees suspended for the period mentioned.

PIC

The PIC makes use of Patterson Grades with regards to remuneration and not the levels of the Public Service as referred to in the question. However, following below are the details regarding employees on suspension during the periods specified:

Financial Year	Employees suspended	Total amount paid
2020 – 2021	3 employees	R 14,350,271

		R 5,979,279.60
1 April 2021 to 31 August 2021	*3 employees	

*One employee who was suspended in 2020 resigned in June 2021 following a disciplinary process in which there were no adverse findings against him.

SARS

The South African Revenue Service (SARS) was established in terms of the SARS Act, no 34 of 1997, as an organ of state within the public administration, but as an entity outside of the public service. Consequently, the salary scales of SARS does not align to the public service.

SASRIA

(aa) Sasria Soc Ltd had 3 employees suspended with full pay for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

(bb) Sasria Soc Ltd had 0 employees suspended with full pay for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 August 2021.

(b) (ii) R 758,656.87 was paid in 2020-21

TAX OMBUD

1) The Office of the Tax Ombud (OTO) has no employees suspended with full pay (aa) in the 2020-21 financial year and (bb) during the period 1 April 2021 up to the latest specified date for which information is available.