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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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1810. Ms R N Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether, given that from a comparative perspective there seems to be a regression on the progress of programmes and projects since the 2022 Appropriations, the National Treasury has attempted to track any synergy between the appropriation of funds and performance; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY

The monitoring of performance by the National Treasury was conducted within the Framework for Strategic Plans and Annual Performance Plans. This framework was issued by the National Treasury in 2010 in order to guide institutions' short and medium term planning. The Framework provided a standardised approach to strategic and annual performance planning; and promoted accountability for performance and service delivery, and alignment between the planning, budgeting and reporting processes.

To improve government-wide planning and to align planning with other government processes, the National Planning Commission (NPC) and the Department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) was established in 2009 in order to facilitate country-level long-term development planning through the NDP, outlines key policy trade-offs and sets out the sequence of decisions required to achieve the objectives, mobilise stakeholders and harness resources towards the implementation of the NDP, monitoring and evaluation for improved service delivery. In order to operationalize these functions, the planning and quarterly performance reporting function was transferred from National Treasury to the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME). DPME can report on progress against programmes and projects using the Electronic Quarterly Performance Reporting System. However, National Treasury is responsible for tracking expenditure /spending performance on appropriated funds. National Treasury has access to the Quarterly Performance Reporting data on a quarterly basis.