

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**  
**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**  
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**338. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

With reference to the alleged reluctance of the National Treasury to allocate emergency funds to the flood-ravaged KwaZulu-Natal, on what has the funds which were appropriated to the Contingency Reserve been spent?

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**REPLY**

The National Treasury has been actively involved with efforts to provide all the necessary support to the provinces of KZN and Eastern Cape due to the recent devastating floods, including moving speedily to facilitate the financial resources available in terms of the law. Clarification in this regard has been provided to provincial and national government officials since April 2022. Moreover, the National Treasury has issued two instruction notes in terms of the PFMA, the MFMA and the PPPFA. These would allow for national, provincial and local accounting officers involved in disaster relief to fast-track the procurement of emergency goods and services. Linked to this is an agreement on conducting real-time audits by the Auditor-General, and the issuing of further instructions to departments, provinces and municipalities in this regard. It should be noted that the contingency reserve provided for in the 2022 Budget cannot be utilised until the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) enacts the 2022 Appropriation Bill and the President signs it into law. However, there are already several conditional grants allocated through the Division of Revenue Act that are already available to provinces and municipalities. The National Treasury has made adjustments to the payment schedules of grants so that funds can become available earlier than previously planned. This has been done since April 2022, when funds were released for housing reconstruction. Submissions for further financial support through the National Disaster Management Centre and other national transferring departments are necessary for further funds to be released.