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3584. Mr E M Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Following negotiations between the National Treasury and the German government, which culminated in the commitment of R6,2 billion by Germany towards Just Energy Transition and Skills Development, what plans were submitted and/or are in place to access the funds committed by Germany;
- (2) whether he will furnish Mr E M Buthelezi with the relevant details on (a) how the €301 million for energy projects will be spent and (b) the plans that are in place to prevent wasteful expenditure and leakages; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW4391E

REPLY

- The commitment by the German government represents a funding envelope for development cooperation which supports national development policy. These programmes are funded through German Development Institutions, namely the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW). The programmes / projects are scoped by GIZ and KFW, following their own due diligence processes and agreements are reached with the implementing partners.
- 2. (a) The agreed funding will be used for specific project financing. The German government has 4 years to commit the funding after their scoping and due diligence processes. Once agreement is reached, the information can be furnished to the Honourable Member upon request. (b) All programmes are governed by specific agreements between the relevant German development agency and a South African counterpart; they are implemented, monitored, and evaluated by the German agency involved to ensure that all funds are used for their intended purpose. Once the agreements have been finalised, the information can be furnished to the Honourable Member upon request.