

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**  
**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**  
**QUESTION NUMBER: 591 [CW756E]**  
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**591. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(a) What is the current overdraft of Gauteng and (b) how much has been overdrawn as at 1 September 2023? CW756E

**REPLY**

- (a) Gauteng has maintained a positive cash position for more than 10 years, with latest numbers available to National Treasury also showing that all departmental paymaster-general accounts have positive cash balances as at 31 July 2023. In terms of section 21 of the PFMA, the Provincial Treasuries are in charge of the Provincial Revenue Funds (PRF's). Gauteng Provincial Treasury does not allow departments to maintain overdraft balances, unless that amount is unauthorised expenditure which must be passed through the province's Unauthorised Expenditure Bill; and if approval is granted funds will be allocated from the PRF to clear the overdraft. Further clarity on the management of the province's PRF can be requested directly from the Gauteng Provincial Treasury.
- (b) In line with reply (a) above, the overdrawn amount is R0.