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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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1083. Mr F Essack (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Considering the budgetary deficit and high debt levels, what cost-cutting measures will he introduce in the Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement to reduce luxury spending items that include perks and benefits for Ministers, Premiers and Mayors to further invest in frontline services such as education, health and policing? **NW1326E**

REPLY:

The Ministers Committee on the Budget is in the process of considering the budget proposals to be tabled as part of the MTBPS at the end of October and all information in this regard will only be available at that point. The revised cost containment measures issued by the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer (National Treasury Instruction No. 1 of 2024/2025, issued in June 2024) remain in place and guides departments in terms of cost containment. (copy attached).

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