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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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Municipal Infrastructure Grant

281. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether the National Treasury has received any certificate of completion from the Metsimaholo Local Municipality for the 2014/15 Municipal Infrastructure Grant of R14 063 990.00 that was budgeted for the project of upgrading the sportsground in Refengkgotso in Deneysville; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the full amount was utilised; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (3) whether the balance of the amount was returned; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?
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REPLY:

- (1)(2)(3) The Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) is one of the conditional grants allocated through the Division of Revenue Act (DoRA) and administered by the Department of Cooperative Governance (DCoG), supported by the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture (DSAC), this is as far as the sports component of the grant is concerned. The DoRA and MIG framework bestow certain duties and responsibilities on DCoG, DSAC and municipalities in the implementation of MIG i.e. in sections 10 and 12 of DoRA, and the grant conditions of the MIG.

The projects implemented by municipalities in a particular financial year are agreed with DCoG and the implementation plan (including budget) is approved by the department, and in the case of sport projects, in consultation with DSAC. DCoG, as the custodian of the MIG, is also responsible for monitoring financial and non-financial performance of the grant in terms of section 10 of DoRA, and municipalities must comply with the MIG framework in terms of section 12 of DoRA and adhere to reporting requirements to DCoG and/or DSAC.

The National Treasury is responsible for monitoring financial performance of municipalities as far as conditional grants are concerned, through reports submitted by municipalities through sections 71 and 72 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), section 40 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), as well as through sections 10 and 12 of DoRA. In light of the above, it is proposed that the PQ be referred to DCoG as they are best placed to respond, as the custodian of the MIG.