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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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418. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether departments that committed fraudulent activities that were reported in the Independent Forensic Investigation findings by Open Water on 6 December 2022 regarding Thembelihle Local Municipality were handed over to the relevant authorities; if not, why not; if so, (a) which departments and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (2) whether his department has taken any further steps regarding such findings; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY

- (1) (a)(b) The investigation was commissioned by the National Treasury at the request of the Municipal Council. The report was formally handed over to the Thembelihle Local Municipality Municipal Manager, who instituted disciplinary action against the implicated official. National Treasury has been advised by the municipality that the official was found guilty and dismissed from the municipality.
- (2) The report was also shared with the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI) for further criminal investigation.