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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**  
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*Report on undocumented foreign nationals*

**97. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

With reference to the budget presentation by the Director-General of the Department of Home Affairs in July 2024 to the select committee that the investigation on the alleged 69 undocumented foreign nationals that escaped from Lindela Repatriation Centre in Krugersdorp was referred to the National Treasury and the Financial Intelligence Centre for consideration (details furnished), what are the outcomes from such scrutiny and (b) what further steps will he take regarding the investigation?

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**REPLY:**

- (a) Provisions in the Financial Intelligence Centre Act, 2001 (Act 38 of 2001) (FIC Act) prohibit the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) from disclosing whether or not it is conducting analysis of any reports. Furthermore, the FIC Act permits the FIC only to disclose the results of its analysis to a prescribed range of departments, agencies and entities with an investigative or regulatory mandate.
- (b) The FIC interprets and analyses regulatory reports submitted to it by accountable institutions to produce financial intelligence that law enforcement, prosecutory authorities and other competent authorities may use for their investigations, applications for asset forfeiture and supervision of compliance with the FIC Act, among others. The FIC mandate does not include conducting investigations.