**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 804 [NW867E]**

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**804. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether, with reference to the reply to question 290 on 28 April 2015 by the Minister of Social Development in which she states that an additional amount of R316 447 361,41 (including VAT) was paid to Cash Paymaster Services, the National Treasury was informed of this additional payment; if so, (a) what were the findings of the National Treasury in this regard and (b) was this amount budgeted for?

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**REPLY:**

The National Treasury was informed about an additional amount of R316 447 361.41 (including VAT) when there was a dispute between the South Africa Social Security Agency (SASSA) and the Auditor-General on whether the variation should have been reported to the National Treasury or not. The expenditure was later declared irregular expenditure by the Auditor-General.

1. The National Treasury agreed with the Auditor-General that R316 447 361.41 (including VAT) is irregular expenditure.
2. Yes.