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Dear Mr Godi

**TABLING OF HOME AFFAIRS' UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE OF R301.036 MILLION BEFORE THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

In 2012/13 the Department of Home Affairs over spent on its vote budget by an amount of R160.394 million. However, the total unauthorised expenditure for the year amount to R301.036 million, this amount include R140.642 million allocated for payments of capital assets which the department didn't obtain Treasury approval for its utilisation.

This letter serves to inform you that National Treasury has since assessed the report submitted by the department with respect to the unauthorised and our assessment is in line with the opinion of the Auditor-General which states that, "the accounting officer did not take effective and appropriate steps to prevent overspending of the budget, as required by section 39(2)(a) of the PFMA.

The department in its submission to the Committee will provide details surrounding the unauthorised expenditure. The Committee is welcomed to invite relevant Treasury officials during the deliberation with the department on the matter should it deemed it necessary.

Kind regards

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