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Hon. Themba Godj, MP
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Dear Mr Godj

TABLING OF HOME AFFAIRS' UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE OF R99.883 MILLION BEFORE THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Department of Home Affairs incurred over spending of R53 million on its vote which resulted in unauthorised expenditure amounting to R99.883 million at the end of the 2005/06 (see attached letter for details). The department has since written to National Treasury requesting that such matter be tabled before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) for consideration.

National Treasury would like to inform the Committee that it has not formally engage the Department on the issue, however, it will do so in the coming weeks with a view of verifying the facts and compiling a report to that effect. Once such a report is completed, it will be presented to the Committee together with recommendations which will inform the committees' final decision on the matter. National Treasury expects to complete the report by the end of August which will then be presented to the Committee during September 2010.

In light of the above, National Treasury would like to request the Committee that it consider tabling the matter for discussion in its subsequent meetings. It would be appreciated if the matter Committee could table it before the end of 2010/11.

Kind regards

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