**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER:** **2140 [NW2429E]**

**2140. Mr A N Sarupen (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether, with reference to budgeting for civil servant salary increases, an increase in public sector salaries has been projected for the 2022-23 financial year; if not, why not; if so, what (a) is the percentage increase and (b) are the relevant details?

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**REPLY**:

The 2021 Budget proposed to contain the growth in the public sector wage bill to protect an already vulnerable fiscus. The compensation of employees’ budget ceilings for the 2021 MTEF, which includes the 2022/23 financial year, assumes no pensionable salary increases however, it does provide for pay progression of 1.5 per cent annually for all public servants over the 2021 MTEF.

The impact of the 2021 Wage Agreement signed on the 27 July 2021, is currently being considered as part of the preparations for the 2021 Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) and the development of the 2022 MTEF. Further information will be provided at the time of the tabling of the 2021 MTBPS.