**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER:** **2390 [NW2763E]**

**2390. Mr E M Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(1) With regard to the role played by the National Treasury in drafting sound economic policies for the Republic, how does the National Treasury justify the move towards a family poverty grant when it is anti-poor given that its targeting of households and not individuals will most likely exclude millions from having a basic income support;

(2) what is the budget for piloting the proposed family poverty grant;

(3) whether the proposed piloting of the specified grant will run concurrently with the Social Relief of Distress Grant; if not, what relief will be provided for the unemployed who might be excluded from the family poverty grant; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY**

1. National Treasury is not drafting a policy on a family poverty grant.
2. There will be no pilot as National Treasury is not drafting the policy.
3. Refer to (2).