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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2733. Mr B R Topham (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(1) **Whether the SA Revenue Service has plans in place to prevent the illicit trade in any category of goods and/or services; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;**

REPLY:

Yes, SARS has plans in place to prevent the illicit trade in any category of goods and/or services as stipulated in its Strategic Plan 2016/17-2020/21.

(2) **What is the estimated loss in tax revenue collection from the illicit trade in each category of goods and/or services?**

REPLY:

These products are in the main strictly prohibited so SARS cannot collect any revenue from them.

(3) **What is the total estimated loss in tax revenue for the 2016/17 financial year?**

REPLY:

Please refer to response 2 (two) above.