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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2969. Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

What are the details of the appointment of a certain person (name furnished) in terms of the (a) qualifications required for the position, (b) qualifications that the specified person possesses, (c) process that was followed to attract applicants for the position, (d) applicants who applied for the position and (e) reasons the specified person was appointed to the position?

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**REPLY**:

1. An appropriate postgraduate qualification.

1. PhD: Management, Administration and Policy;

Masters in Management, Administration and Policy; and

Bachelor of Social Science.

1. The position for Chairperson of the Financial and Fiscal Commission was advertised in national newspapers during September 2016. The closing date for applications was 7 October 2016.
2. Thirteen applications were received.



1. The Chairperson of the Financial and Fiscal Commission is appointed by the President together with a member of Cabinet, i.e. in this instance, the Minister of Finance. Prof Plaatjies was recommended by the Minister of Finance prior to his appointment by the President. In addition to his qualifications, Prof Plaatjies has held the following positions:
2. Part-time Commissioner of the Financial and Fiscal Commission;
3. Executive Director: Democracy, Governance and Service at the Human Rights Research Council;
4. Adviser to the Minister for Public Service and Administration;
5. Head of Performance and Evaluation in the Office of the Premier for the Free State Provincial Government;
6. Deputy Director-General at the South African Social Security Agency.