

**THE PRESIDENCY: REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO : 3144**

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**Ms PT van Damme (DA) to ask the President of the Republic :**

1. Whether anyone from his office ever requested the Department of Public Works to provide a state house to Mr Mac Maharaj during his tenure as his spokesperson; if so, (a) who made the request, (b) when was the request made and (c) what was the basis for the request;
2. In terms of what (a) policy or (b) legislation was the request made;
3. Whether the allocation of the state house in the Bryntirion Estate in Pretoria formed part of his salary package; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how was this benefit calculated;
4. Whether The Presidency arranged for him to pay rent while he occupied the state house; if not, why not; if so, what rental amount was (a) requested and (b) paid?

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**Reply:**

1. There is no record of any official having made the said request to the Department of Public Works.
2. See 1 above
3. No
4. The Presidency does not allocate housing and therefore is not involved in rental arrangements..