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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**3377. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(1) Whether he has been informed that members of the so-called Rogue Unit of the SA Revenue Service were allegedly given R150 million by a certain person (name furnished) allegedly to illegally install cameras and bugs at the offices of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation and the SA Police Services in 2007; if not, what is the position in this regard;

(2) whether they obtained the authority to do the alleged illegal installations; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, who authorised it?

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**REPLY**

1. I am not aware of an alleged payment of R150 million that was allegedly given to the members of the so called Rogue Unit.
2. The Acting Commissioner has consulted with his Finance Team and they have confirmed that there is no record of the alleged R150 million payment flowing through the SARS Bank Accounts.
3. The Acting-Commissioner furthermore informs me that to his knowledge, no installation of this nature occurred in the course of SARS operations and that no authority for the alleged installation was, as a result, requested from SARS or granted by SARS.