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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**4120. Mr E M Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Whether the National Treasury has engaged with the Department of Home Affairs to address the processing of the backlog of skilled visa applications to boost human and finance resources and reduce the risk of foreign investment retracting their activities in the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the full, relevant details of the (a) engagements with Home Affairs and (b) type of assistance that National Treasury will provide in this regard? NW5133E

**REPLY**

National Treasury works with departments to assist them with their budget requests and implementation of processes that will allow them to achieve their strategic plans. Departments mostly will, through the budget process, inform the National Treasury if funding is requested for a specific project. These funding requests will then be dealt with through the budget process.

In terms of the policy and implementation timelines, the Department of Home Affairs will have this information and should be requested to submit the plans and their timelines. The National Treasury has not yet received the specific funding request for this specific project.