**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER 611 [NW724E]**

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**611. Mr N F Shivambu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(1) What was the cost incurred by the SA Revenue Service (SARS) for the services of a certain company in their investigations into (a) a certain person and (b) other former employees of SARS;

(2) was there an open tender process for the appointment of the specified company; if not, why not; if so, what were the terms of reference? NW724E

**REPLY:**

The South African Revenue Service has submitted the following information. Please note that the Minister is unable to verify the content.

(1)(a)(b) The cost incurred for the mandated work was:

* KPMG – R23, 131, 265.30.

The KPMG investigated the allegations made in respect of an investigative unit within the SARS.

1. An already existing panel was utilised for this purpose that was previously appointed through an open tender process in terms of paragraph 4.9 of the National Treasury Supply Chain Management – A guide for accounting officers/ authorities – February 2004.

The Terms of Reference of the mentioned company was to perform a forensic investigation based on the recommendations of the Sikhakhane report to institute a more detailed investigation and to provide evidential support to the findings made.