**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**FRIDAY, 22 MAY 2020**

**DUE DATE: 5 JUNE 2020**

**965. Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

Whether he intends to make use of the services of a team of experts from the Office of the Auditor-General to assist the various government departments and municipalities in monitoring and managing the Government’s R500 billion economic support package to help battle the impact of the coronavirus pandemic which he announced on 21 April 2020; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY**

The Auditor-General of South Africa plays an important role in assisting government to safeguard its ability to account to its citizens in this time of need and crisis. We will continue to work with the Auditor-General to ensure that all funds allocated for the support package are spent in a responsible and accountable way.

The National Treasury, through Instruction 7 of 2020/21, has put in place a wide range of measures relating to COVID-19 expenditure to ensure that accounting officers and authorities strengthen their financial management, internal control, risk management and internal audit systems and ensure that these are transparent, effective and efficient.

The aforementioned National Treasury Instruction can be found online at:

<http://www.treasury.gov.za/legislation/pfma/TreasuryInstruction/Natioal%20Treasury%20Instruction%20No.%207%20of%20202021%20Preventative%20Measures.pdf>