



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1424. Mr D J Maynier (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:

Whether, with reference to his undertaking in his State of the Nation Address on 16 February 2018 in the National Assembly, a process to review the (a) configuration, (b) number and (c) size of national Government departments has been initiated; if not, in each case, why not; if so, (i) who is responsible for the review, (ii) what is the name of the lead department carrying out the review, (iii) what progress has been made with the review and (iv) by what date will the review be completed in each case? NW1526E

REPLY

- (a) – (c) Yes, the process of reviewing the size and shape of the National Executive and government departments has begun.
- (i) A Technical Task Team of officials from the following departments is currently reviewing the configuration of the national government: The Presidency; the Department of Public Service and Administration; the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation; the National Treasury; and the Department of Cooperative Governance.
- (ii) The Presidency is the lead department.

- (iii) A review of previous and current configurations is still in progress, with the view to establishing the synergy between the Constitution and legislation on one hand and the national macro-organisation of the national government, on the other. A preliminary analysis has been concluded.
- (iv) The review will be concluded after due political consultations, in time for implementation in the sixth administration.