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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 512**

**WRITTEN QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**Adv M R M Mothapo (ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:**

What has she found is the impact of the different planning cycle periods of local and national government? **[NO599E]**

**Reply:**

The planning cycle in the national and provincial spheres of government is from 1 April to 31 March the following year. The planning cycle in the local sphere of government starts from 1 June to 31 May. This however, does not impede the alignment of plans across different spheres of government or the implementation of the country development agenda. DPME will however continue to engage with DCoG and National Treasury on the implication of the different planning cycles on government's commitment to integrate budgets across the different spheres in line with the District Development Model.

The DPME introduced the Policy Framework for Integrated Planning, which was approved by cabinet in order to improve the harmonisation and alignment of planning across spheres of government in order to achieve the country's development goals. The National Development Planning and Coordination Framework Bill was also introduced in 2023 to strengthen the planning system across the three spheres of government.