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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1835 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr T D Harris (DA) is attached for your consideration.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 14/08/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED^{es}/AMENDED

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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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1835. Mr T D Harris (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether (a) her department and (b) all entities reporting to her make payment to (i) suppliers and (ii) service providers within the 30 day payment period as specified by the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), Act 1 of 1999; if not, in each case, (aa) how many service providers are awaiting payment, (bb) what is the monetary value of outstanding payments and (cc) how long is payment overdue;
- (2) whether (a) her department and (b) all entities reporting to her are liable for any interest charged on overdue payments in any of the cases mentioned; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, in each case, what is the (i) percentage and (ii) monetary value of interest charged;
- (3) whether (a) her department and (b) all entities reporting to her have negotiated revised payment schedules with each of the service providers mentioned; if not, why not; if so, in each case, what are the relevant details;
- (4) what are the reasons for (a) her department and (b) all entities reporting to her not making payment within 30 days as specified by the PFMA;
- (5) whether (a) her department and (b) all entities reporting to her have implemented any measures to (i) ensure full compliance with the PFMA and (ii) facilitate immediate payment for overdue accounts; if not, why not; if so, in each case, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes.
 - (1)(a)(ii) Yes, however not all service providers are paid within 30 days. This happens in cases where invoices verification and validation of service delivery has not been finalized, meaning that the Department has queries.
 - (1)(a)(aa) Currently there are 25 service providers awaiting payment.
 - (1)(a)(bb) The value of outstanding payments is R 9 055 447.00.
 - (1)(a)(cc) Payments that are due within 30 days is R 8 523 883.00. Invoices over 30 days are to the value of R 531 564.00
- (2) No.
 - (2)(a)(i) Falls away.
 - (2)(a)(ii) Falls away.

- (3) No.
- (4)(a) Payments are not made in 30 days where there are disputes between the Department and the service providers on invoices.
- (5)(a) Yes, there are measures to ensure full compliance with the PFMA.
- (5)(a)(i) Yes, there are measures to facilitate immediate payment for overdue accounts.

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