



water & sanitation

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3273 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms M S Khawula (EFF) is attached for your consideration.

DRAFT REPLY: RECOMMENDED/ NOT RECOMMENDED/ AMENDED

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 6/12/2018

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ ~~NOT APPROVED~~/ AMENDED

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

DATE: 15/12/2018

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 3273

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3273. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether (a) his department and/or (b) entities reporting to him awarded any contracts and/or tenders to certain companies (names and details furnished) from 1 January 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, in each case, (i) what service was provided, (ii) what was the (aa) value and (bb) length of the tender and/or contract, (iii) who approved the tender and/or contract and (iv) was the tender and/or contract in line with all National Treasury and departmental procurement guidelines?

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Refer to the table below:

The Department		None
The Entities	Amatola Water	None
	Bloem Water	None
	Lepelle Northern Water	None
	Magalies Water	None
	Mhlathuze Water	None
	Overberg Water	None
	Sedibeng Water	None
	Umgeni Water	None
	Trans Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA)	None
	Rand Water	Yes, Refer below for the response
	Water Research Commission (WRC)	Yes, Refer below for the response

Rand Water:

Rand Water awarded work to 1 of the 13 companies provided in the list, namely **Vox Telecommunications**. The work was awarded from 07 March 2013 up to 26 July 2018. The awards were made in accordance with the applicable SCM practices.

The table below provides the details required for (i) to (iv):

Doc. Date	Purch.Doc.	Description	Net Value	Duration	Approver
26.07.2018	4500205144	Request for Room Booking Panel	156,113.66	Once-off	Supply Chain
19.06.2018	4500204614	Off Premise Contact Centre 201805	278,650.74	6 months	Supply Chain
30.04.2018	4500203783	Email Filtering & Security Services	431,728.00	10 months	Supply Chain
10.04.2018	4500203488	Supply & Delivery of Internet Service	335,738.73	10 months	Supply Chain
31.01.2018	4500202608	Internet service for 3 months	438,129.63	3 months	Supply Chain
30.01.2018	4500202579	Internet service	400,000.00	Once-off	Supply Chain
01.11.2017	4500201570	Internet Services for 3 months	437,481.57	3 months	Supply Chain
20.10.2017	4500201336	Call Centre Systems 6 months	430,701.12	6 months	Supply Chain
26.07.2017	4500199366	Internet Services for a period of three months	306,473.46	3 months	Supply Chain
31.05.2017	4500197701	Off Premise Contact Centre for WOL 6mth	400,080.05	6 months	Supply Chain
29.06.2016	4500184884	WOL-Installation& Configuration Contact c	486,651.78		Supply Chain
12.05.2015	4500164350	Vox tender cost routing	2,151,160.88	24 months	BAC
14.04.2015	4500163033	Cost Routing Service	149,658.72	6 months	Supply Chain
17.03.2015	4500161587	cost routing telephone	116,823.68		
25.02.2015	4500160456	Cost routing for telephones	127,285.11		
09.02.2015	4500159599	Cost routing telephone	127,285.11		
23.01.2015	4500158801	Cost Routing Telephone	766,743.82	Once-off	BAC
06.03.2014	4500143226	RFP00237/13A Internet service 3yrs	5,196,449.72	36 months	BAC
19.06.2013	4500131227	Audio / Video Conferencing	204,949.20	Once-off	Supply Chain
07.03.2013	4500126223	Cost routing telephones	2,996,290.64	24 moths	BAC
TOTAL			15,938,395.62		

Water Research Commission (WRC)

- (b) Water Research Commission
- (i) Provision of Cloud Hosting Services to the Water Research Commission (WRC) for a period of twelve (12) months
- (ii) (aa) The Contract value amounted to R 493 085.50 (Inclusive of Vat)
(bb) Contract period of twelve (12) months, Contract award date: 10 September 2018
- (iii) The contract was evaluated by the Bid Evaluation Committee and approved by the Bid Adjudication Committee in line with their approval delegation
- (iv) The approved tender and contract award processes followed was in line with all National Treasury and the WRC procurement policies and procedures.

The contract awarded to Vox Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd (Company registration number: 2011/000797/07) was cancelled on the 22 November 2018 due to the company failing to commence with the contract as per the agreed contract terms and conditions. The contract start date was 01 October 2018, the company failed to commence on that date and the start date was extended to 01 November 2018 and was unable to migrate the WRC data and thus again failed to commence with delivering the contracted services. The company provided the technical reasons why they were unable to provide the services and estimated that the data transfer would take three months. This was not acceptable to the WRC. The WRC then served VOX Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd with a contract termination letter on the 22 November 2018, which they accepted and agreed to reimburse the WRC an amount of R 7 509.23 which was incurred as a result of the delays during the month of November 2018.

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