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**Parliamentary Question: 3163**

**Dr MQ Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of State Security**

1. What are the details including the ranks of service providers and/or contractors from which (a) his department and (b) the entities reporting to him procured services in the past five years;
2. What (a) service was provided by each service provider and/or contractor and (b) amount was each service provider and/or contractor paid;

3.(a) how many of these service providers are black-owned entities, (b) what contract was each of the black-owned service providers awarded and (c) how much was each black-owned service provider paid?

**RESPONSE:**

Such information relating to service providers and/or contractors of the State Security Agency (SSA) forms part of the broader operational framework of the SSA and therefore remains classified and privileged. Information about service providers and/or contractors is a matter that falls in the ambit of national security and therefore excluded from public disclosure. It should however be observed that the SSA is held accountable on such matters by the Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence (JSCI).