**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER:** **129 [NW132E]**

**129. Dr L A Schreiber (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(1) What is the breakdown of the current Rand value of each national government department’s backlog for failure to pay service providers within 30 days, in compliance with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999;

(2) (a) what is the breakdown of the current Rand value of each provincial government’s backlog for failure to pay service providers within 30 days and (b) which provincial department has he found to be the worst offender in each case?

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**REPLY**:

**National Departments**

1. Table 1 below provides the total Rand value of invoices older than 30 days that were not paid as at 31 December 2020.

**Table 1**: National Departments: Rand value of Unpaid Invoices as at 31 December 2020

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| **No.** | **National Department** | **Rand Value** |
| 1 | Cooperative Governance | R 17,850 |
| 2 | Police | R 71,674 |
| 3 | Home Affairs | R 636,813 |
| 4 | Statistics South Africa | R 832,404 |
| 5 | Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities | R 1,712,016 |
| 6 | Mineral Resources and Energy | R 4,311,452 |
| 7 | Public Works and Infrastructure including PMTE | R 51,673,929 |
| 8 | Water and Sanitation including Trading Entity | R 357,636,505 |
| **Total Rand Value** | | **R 416,892,642** |

**Provincial Departments**

**(2)(a)** Table 2 below provides the total Rand value of invoices older than 30 days that were not paid as at 31 December 2020.

**Table 2:** Provincial Departments: Rand value of Unpaid Invoices at the end of December 2020

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| **No.** | **Provincial Government** | **Rand Value** |
| 1 | Northern Cape | R 517,636 |
| 2 | Western Cape | R 600,546 |
| 3 | Limpopo | R 28,471,372 |
| 4 | Mpumalanga | R 97,788,753 |
| 5 | Kwazulu-Natal | R 104,363,510 |
| 6 | Free State | R 112,778,551 |
| 7 | North West | R 351,858,302 |
| 8 | Gauteng | R 389,973,533 |
| 9 | Eastern Cape | R 2,114,327,450 |
| **Total Rand Value** | | **R 3,200,679,654** |

1. Table 3 below provides a list of provinces that are worst performing in terms of payment of suppliers within the prescribed period.

**Table 3:** Worst performing provincial departments in each province at the end of December 2020

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| **No.** | **Provincial Government** | **Rand Value**  ***31 December 2020*** | **Worst offenders (Department)** | **Rand Value**  ***31 March 2021*** | % |
| 1 | Northern Cape | R 517,636 | Education | R 517,636 | 100% |
| 2 | Western Cape | R 600,546 | Education | R 600,546 | 100% |
| 3 | Limpopo | R 28,471,372 | Health | R 18,000,716 | 63% |
| 4 | Mpumalanga | R 97,788,753 | Health | R 97,788,753 | 100% |
| 5 | Kwazulu-Natal | R 104,363,510 | Education | R 71,235,451 | 68% |
| 6 | Free State | R 112,778,551 | Health | R 64,549,129 | 57% |
| 7 | North West | R 351,858,302 | Health | R 327,595,920 | 93% |
| 8 | Gauteng | R 389,973,533 | Health | R 342,257,759 | 88% |
| 9 | Eastern Cape | R 2,114,327,450 | Health | R 2,025,125,297 | 96% |
|  |  | **R 3,200,679,654** |  | **R 2,947,671,207** | 92% |

Provincial departments of Health and Education contributed 92% of the total rand value not paid by provincial departments as at December 2020.