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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1383. Ms T Breedt (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) Whether her department awarded any tenders in relation to the Social Relief of Distress Grant; if so, what (a) are the names of the businesses and/or service providers to whom the specified tenders were awarded, (b) are the amounts of each tender awarded and (c) was the service and/or product to be supplied by each business and/or service provider;

(2) whether standard procurement processes were followed; if not, why not; if so, what was the reason for each specified business and/or service provider to be awarded the specified tender;

(3) whether her department awarded any tenders in relation to capacity increase on existing grant infrastructure; if so, what (a) are the names of the businesses and/or service providers to whom these tenders were awarded, (b) are the amounts of each tender awarded, (c) was the service and/or product to be supplied by each business and/or service provider;

(4) whether the standard procurement processes were followed; if not, why not;

(5) what was the reason for each specified business and/or service provider to be awarded the specified tender? NW1754E

**REPLY:**

(a) No tender was awarded

(b) Not applicable

(c) Not applicable

1. Not applicable
2. (a) Tenders were awarded to Prosense, Vodacom and Govchat.

3. (b)

* SASSA varied Prosense’s existing contract with R2, 9 million.
* Vodacom was awarded R15 million for thetender through the existing National Treasury RT15 contract (RT15 is a Government Transversal contract to Supply and deliver mobile communication services to the State during the lockdown period 27 March to 16 April 2020)
* Govchat services are rendered for free to SASSA

Yes, the standard procurement processes were followed.

1. - Prosense was appointed to build the APIS(Application Programming Interface system)for data validation and to develop website for Special SRD Grant (Social Relief of Distress Grant)
* Vodacom was appointed to develop USSD platform (Unstructured Supplementary Service Data)for SRD Applications
* Govchat was appointed to develop the Special SRD Application Platform for free