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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 1456

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**1456. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Whether, with reference to the reply to question 379 on 5 August 2019, in which it was indicated that the date for the re-opening of the Cape Town Refugee Reception Office (CTRRO) is dependent on the finalisation of the lease agreement with the prospective landlord and the related project plan for refurbishment, the lease agreement with the specified landlord for the CTRRO has been finalised; if not, why not; if so, what (a) steps still need to be taken by his department to reopen the CTRRO and (b) is the planned date for the reopening of the CTRRO? NW2722E

**REPLY:**

The lease agreement with the specified landlord for the Cape Town Refugee Reception Office (CTRRO) could not be finalised**.** The prospective landlord, who had been appointed by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) through its Supply Chain Management processes, did not sign the lease agreement and sent a letter withdrawing from the process. The letter was dated 16 September 2019.

1. The Department of Home Affairs (DHA) requested DPWI to restart the procurement process on the 27th September 2019.
2. The planned date cannot be determined as DPWI has not commenced with the procurement process which will follow these key steps:
   1. Specifications Committee to be set up to develop the specifications,
   2. Publication of the tender advert,
   3. Evaluation and adjudication of bidders.

The planned date for the re-opening of the CTRRO can only be determined after these processes are completed. Furthermore, the building obtained will need to be refurbished to be in line with the CTRRO processes before the office can be re-opened.

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