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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1611**

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**1611. Mr AG Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) What are the details of the (a) company the SA Police Service (SAPS) contracted to provide rape kits in 2017 and (b) value of the contract;

(2) what are the details of the (a) company the SAPS contracted to provide rape kits in 2018 and (b) value of the contract;

(3) what are the details of the (a) company the SAPS contracted to provide rape kits in 2019 and (b) value of the contract;

(4) what are the reasons for awarding the contract to each company in each of the specified years?

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**REPLY:**

Introduction

The collection kits, which are used to collect evidence from victims of sexual assault and rape, are termed as "rape kits" in the public domain. However, the South African Police Service (SAPS), makes use of 16 different types of evidence collection kits to collect various samples at crime scenes. These include the two types of evidence collection kits, namely; the Adult Sexual Assault Collection Kit (D1) and the Paediatric Sexual Assault Collection Kit (D7), which are used to collect evidence from victims of sexual assault and rape. The deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) Reference Buccal Sample Kits (DB), are used to take buccal samples from persons, who are arrested and charged, for schedule eight offences (this includes serial murderers and serial rapists), as required by the DNA Act.  
  
(1)(a)(b) The South African Police Service (SAPS) did not have a contract in place, in 2017. A bid, 19/1/9/1/112TD(17), was advertised. However, it was cancelled because the bids received did not meet the requirements.  
  
{2)(a)(b) The SAPS did not have a contract in place, in 2018. A bid, 19/1/9/1/28TD(18), was advertised. However, it was cancelled because the bids that were received, did not meet the requirements.  
  
(3)(a) The SAPS awarded a contract to Acino Forensic, on 16 August 2019.  
  
{3){b) The estimated value of the contract, is R497 679 306,82, for a period of three years, on an "as and when required", basis.

Prior to the awarding of the contract to Acino Forensic, on 16 August 2019, evidence collection kits were procured, on a quotation basis, from the following service providers:  
  
~ Bathe Pele Health.

~ Letsepe Investments.

~ Yhira Investments.  
  
(4) The contract was awarded to Acino Forensic because it was the only bidder who met all the requirements of the bid.  
  
Reply to question 1611 recommended  
  
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