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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2087. Mrs G Opperman (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) Whether the 44 bids referred to in the report of the Auditor-General for the 2020-21 financial year that were not awarded indicate slow processing by her department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

(2) Whether the bids resulted in irregular expenditure; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) was the monetary value of the specified bids? NW2490E

**REPLY:**

1. The National Department had only 6 bids not awarded and not 44 as indicated.

The details of the 6 bids are as follows:

| **Nr** | **Programme**  | **Description** | **Amount** | **Bid** | **Date** | **Reasons** |
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|  | Integrated Anti-Substance Abuse | Amendment of Act 70 of 2008 Bill | R 1 200 000 | Open bids | May-21 | The employment contract for the end-user who of this project expired, as such the project was delayed. |
|  | Supply Chain Management | Asset Management Outsourcing  | R 5 000 000 | Open bids | May-21 | Postponed for the next financial year. The project is included in the 2022/23 annual procurement plan. |
|  | Office of Director-General | Service provider to audit, review, and develop systems for the entity Government and Oversight | R 10 000 000 | Open bids | Apr-21 | The project was removed from the procurement plan. |
|  | Population and Development | Youth Perception Study on the Socio-Economic, Health, and Gender Impact of COVID-19  | R 1 472 000 | Open bids | May-21 | End-user did not submit to SCM. |
|  | Information Technology | Procurement for the installation, configuration, maintenance, and support for an artificial intelligence intrusion detection and prevention solution.  | R 1 450 000 | Open bids | Apr-21 | Cancelled and will not be done in 2021. |
|  | Information Technology | Acquisition of a digital signage system for the HSRC. | R 2 500 000 | Open bids | Apr-21 | Business case was not supported. |

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(a) & (b)

The 6 bids indicated above did not result in any irregular expenditure. Bids not awarded in the previous financial year and still required by the Department are carried over to the current financial year.