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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2338. Dr D T George (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs: *[Interdepartmentally transferred from Finance with effect 9 November 2021]:***

(1) On what date was the Tender Bulletin last published;

(2) whether there have been any delays in the publication of the bulletin; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what were the causes of the delay in each case and (b) on what date is it envisaged it be published next? NW2659E

**REPLY**:

1. The last Tender Bulletin was last published on 29 January 2021.

(2)(a) The delays on the publication of the tender bulletin was as a result of the power surge that hit the GPW data centre on 4 February 2021, which damaged critical servers, resulting in the crashing of the eGazette systems and disabling the publishing of all Government gazettes, including the Tender Bulletin.

(2)(b) GPW had to work on manual mode to publish the National and Provincial gazettes. However due to its format, sensitivity and complexity of its content the Tender Bulletin could not be processed manually.

GPW has appointed the service provider to rebuild and automate the eGazette system and also work on the back-up systems. The project milestones are expected to have been achieved by the 31st March 2022, and then publishing of the Tender Bulletin will resume.

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