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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**3011. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to question 562 on 18 November 2020 (details furnished), he has found that his department has taken no action to investigate and/or hold corrupt officials to account for their part in the specified scandal; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what are the reasons that his department has not yet appointed a new service provider despite the current extortionate contract ending in November;

(3) whether the interim arrangement is to extend the current contract with a certain service provider (name furnished) until such time that a new service provider is appointed; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3839E

**REPLY:**

1. May the Honourable member please advise which scandal is he referring to.

2. The department completed its bid evaluation process and after finalising outstanding matters with selected bidders, such as confirmation of price and costs as well as any sub-contracting arrangements the preferred supplier may have, realised that the costing methodology in the bid did not allow for an equitable evaluation process of the pricing by the bidders, and as a result no appointment could be made by 30 November 2020. The department therefore extended the current contract by one month from 1 to 31 December 2020.

1. On 9 December 2020, the Bid Adjudication Committee (BAC) approved the cancellation of Bid DHA10-2020. It is therefore necessary to extend the existing service provider’s contract from 1 to 31 January 2021. This is a provisional arrangement during January 2021 to allow engagement with National Treasury so as to provide for an implementable timeframe allowing the department to re-advertise the Bid using a different costing method.

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