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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 3269**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION OF INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 02/11/2018**

**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 37 OF 2018)**

**Ms N Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

Whether (a) her department and/or (b) entities reporting to her awarded any contracts and/or tenders to certain companies (names and details furnished) from 1 January 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, in each case, (i) what service was provided, (ii) what was the (aa) value and (bb) length of the tender and/or contract, (iii) who approved the tender and/or contract and (iv) was the tender and/or contract in line with all National Treasury and departmental procurement guidelines?

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**REPLY:**

1. The Department has not awarded any contracts or tenders to Vox Telecommunication.
2. Based on the information submitted by public entities reporting to the Department, the following responses were provided:

| **Entity** | **Company awarded contracts and/or tenders (details furnished) from 1 January 2009 up to specified date** | **(i) Service provided** | **(ii)(aa) Value of the tender and/or contract** | **(bb) Length of the tender and/or contract** | **(iii) Official approved the tender and/or contract** | **(iv) Compliance with all National Treasury and departmental procurement guidelines** |
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| 1. Education Training and Development Practices Sector Education and Training Authority | Vox Telecommunication | Support and maintenance of the financial system | R1 903 513.12 | 1 February 2011 to 31 March 2020 | Chief Executive Officer | Yes |
| 1. Mining Qualification Authority | Vox Telecommunication | Internet services | R6 770 219.68 | * Services Level Agreement 1: July 2011 to June 2014 * Extension of contract (Addendum 1): July 2014 to March 2016 * Extension of contract (Addendum 2): April 2016 to March 2018 * Services Level Agreement 2: April 2018 to March 2020 | Chief Executive Officer | Yes |
| 1. Public Sector Education and Training Authority | Vox Telecommunication | Internet services | R493 197.32 | 3.5 years | Chief Executive Officer | Yes |
| 1. Fibre Processing and Manufacturing Sector Education and Training Authority | Vox Telecommunication | Wide Area Network (WAN) services | R1 425 026.28 | 1 June 2014 to  31 May 2017 | Chief Executive Officer | Yes |
| 1. Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority | Vox Telecommunication | Wide Area Network (WAN) infrastructure services | R76 411.54 per month  The appointment was based on a monthly rental and a once off set up cost of R56 658.00 | 31 March 2016 to  31 March 2020  The appointment was for the period up to 31 March 2016 with an option to renew for another twelve months period.  The contract was extended to 31 March 2020 after permission obtained from National Treasury. | Administrator | Yes |
| 1. Quality Council for Trades and Occupations | Vox Communication | IT infrastructure support | R5 444 515.13 | 1 March 2018 to  28 February 2021 | Chief Executive Officer | Yes |
| 1. Services Sector Education and Training Authority | Vox Telecommunication | Implementation of Voice over IP (VoIP) solution | R2 620 748.75 | 11 April 2016 to  30 November 2018 | Accounting Authority | Yes |
| 1. South African Qualifications Authority | Vox Telecommunication | Implementation of new data provision and VoIP | R231 876.00 | December 2013 to November 2014 | Chief Executive Officer | Yes |
| Vox Telecommunication | Renewal of data provision and VoIP contract | R398 855.88 | 1 March 2015 to  28 February 2017 | Chief Executive Officer | Yes |
| Vox Telecommunication | Upgrading data provisioning from 5 Mbps to 20 Mbps | R147 159.06 | Once-off for the upgrade and after that month-to-month for four months  (March to June 2017) | Chief Executive Officer | Yes |
| Vox Telecommunication | Expansion of the Vox telecom for data and VoIP services for six months | R325 776.62 | 6 Months (1 July to  31 December 2017) | Chief Executive Officer | Yes |
| Vox Telecommunication | Fibre and VoIP services | R165 302.73 | 3 months (1 March to  May 2018) | Chief Executive Officer | Yes |
| Vox Telecommunication | PABX Solution | Solution cost of  R4 407 757.27  Telephone call charges rate per minute is between R0.23 and R0.33 (local) depending on the network.  The rate for international calls is R0.92 per minute. | 1 June 2018 to  31 May 2023 | Finance Committee | Yes |

**COMPILER DETAILS**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Minister signs Parliamentary Reply 3269.

**MR GF QONDE**

**DIRECTOR–GENERAL: HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**DATE:**

PARLIAMENTARY REPLY 3269 IS APPROVED / NOT APPROVED / AMENDED.

COMMENT/S

**MRS GNM PANDOR, MP**

**MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**DATE:**