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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 3273**

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**3273. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Whether (a) his department and/or (b) entities reporting to him 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? NW3704E

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**THE MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

Refer to the table below:

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| The Department | | None |
| The Entities | Amatola Water | None |
| Bloem Water | None |
| Lepelle Northern Water | None |
| Magalies Water | None |
| Mhlathuze Water | None |
| Overberg Water | None |
| Sedibeng Water | None |
| Umgeni Water | None |
| Trans Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA) | None |
| Rand Water | Yes, Refer below for the response |
| Water Research Commission (WRC) | Yes, Refer below for the response |

**Rand Water:**

**Rand Water** awarded work to 1 of the 13 companies provided in the list, namely **Vox Telecommunications**. The work was awarded from 07 March 2013 up to 26 July 2018. The awards were made in accordance with the applicable SCM practices.

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The table below provides the details required for (i) to (iv):

| **Doc. Date** | **Purch.Doc.** | **Description** | **Net Value** | **Duration** | **Approver** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 26.07.2018 | 4500205144 | Request for Room Booking Panel | 156,113.66 | Once-off | Supply Chain |
| 19.06.2018 | 4500204614 | Off Premise Contact Centre 201805 | 278,650.74 | 6 months | Supply Chain |
| 30.04.2018 | 4500203783 | Email Filtering & Security Services | 431,728.00 | 10 months | Supply Chain |
| 10.04.2018 | 4500203488 | Supply & Delivery of Internet Service | 335,738.73 | 10 months | Supply Chain |
| 31.01.2018 | 4500202608 | Internet service for 3 months | 438,129.63 | 3 months | Supply Chain |
| 30.01.2018 | 4500202579 | Internet service | 400,000.00 | Once-off | Supply Chain |
| 01.11.2017 | 4500201570 | Internet Services for 3 months | 437,481.57 | 3 months | Supply Chain |
| 20.10.2017 | 4500201336 | Call Centre Systems 6 months | 430,701.12 | 6 months | Supply Chain |
| 26.07.2017 | 4500199366 | Internet Services for a period of three months | 306,473.46 | 3 months | Supply Chain |
| 31.05.2017 | 4500197701 | Off Premise Contact Centre for WOL 6mnth | 400,080.05 | 6 months | Supply Chain |
| 29.06.2016 | 4500184884 | WOL-Installation& Configuration Contact c | 486,651.78 |  | Supply Chain |
| 12.05.2015 | 4500164350 | Vox tender cost routing | 2,151,160.88 | 24 months | BAC |
| 14.04.2015 | 4500163033 | Cost Routing Service | 149,658.72 | 6 months | Supply Chain |
| 17.03.2015 | 4500161587 | cost routing telephone | 116,823.68 |
| 25.02.2015 | 4500160456 | Cost routing for telephones | 127,285.11 |
| 09.02.2015 | 4500159599 | Cost routing telephone | 127,285.11 |
| 23.01.2015 | 4500158801 | Cost Routing Telephone | 766,743.82 | Once-off | BAC |
| 06.03.2014 | 4500143226 | RFP00237/13A Internet service 3yrs | 5,196,449.72 | 36 months | BAC |
| 19.06.2013 | 4500131227 | Audio / Video Conferencing | 204,949.20 | Once-off | Supply Chain |
| 07.03.2013 | 4500126223 | Cost routing telephones | 2,996,290.64 | 24 moths | BAC |
| **TOTAL** | | | **15,938,395.62** |  |  |

**Water Research Commission (WRC)**

1. Water Research Commission
2. Provision of Cloud Hosting Services to the Water Research Commission (WRC) for a period of twelve (12) months
3. (aa) The Contract value amounted to R 493 085.50 (Inclusive of Vat)

(bb) Contract period of twelve (12) months, Contract award date: 10 September 2018

1. The contract was evaluated by the Bid Evaluation Committee and approved by the Bid Adjudication Committee in line with their approval delegation
2. The approved tender and contract award processes followed was in line with all National Treasury and the WRC procurement policies and procedures.

The contract awarded to Vox Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd (Company registration number: 2011/000797/07) was cancelled on the 22 November 2018 due to the company failing to commence with the contract as per the agreed contract terms and conditions. The contract start date was 01 October 2018, the company failed to commence on that date and the start date was extended to 01 November 2018 and was unable to migrate the WRC data and thus again failed to commence with delivering the contracted services. The company provided the technical reasons why they were unable to provide the services and estimated that the data transfer would take three months this was not acceptable to the WRC. The WRC then served VOX Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd with a contract termination letter on the 22 November 2018, which they accepted and agreed to reimburse the WRC an amount of R 7 509.23 which incurred as a result of the delays during the month of November 2018.

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