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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION 3280**

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**Ms N K F Hlonyana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

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? NW3712E

**REPLY:**

The Economic Development Department, Competition Commission, Competition Tribunal and ITAC have not awarded contracts to any of the mentioned companies.

With regards to the IDC, I have been furnished with a reply by the CEO of the IDC, Mr Geoffrey Qhena, to the question, which I quote as follows:

*“In 2015, the IDC has awarded a contract to Vox Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd. Details are as listed below:*

| ***(a)(i) Name of the Firm*** | ***(b)(i) What service was provided*** | ***(b)(ii)(aa) what was the value of the contract*** | ***(b)(ii)(bb) and length of contract*** | ***(b)(iii) who approved the contract*** | ***(iv) was the tender duly approved in terms of Treasury and procurement Guidelines*** |
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| *Vox Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd*  | *Rightfax software license* | *R185 057 (Excl. VAT) over three years* | *Three years* | *IDC’s Procurement Committee* | *Yes* |

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