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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr T Rawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

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? **NW3723E**

**REPLY**

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**a) None by the Department**

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| **Entity (b)** | **Service Provider** | **(i)Service Provided** | **(ii)(aa)**  **Value** | **(ii)(bb)**  **Length of Tender** | **(iii)Approved by** | **(iv)**  **In line with NT** |
| BBI | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Nemisa | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| ZADNA | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| SAPO | AFRAIT Pty (Ltd) | Line Haul Trailer | R14 134 720.00 | 28-Mar 2013-15 Jan 2014 | SAPO EXCO | Yes |
| Sentech | Vox Telecommunications | - | - | - | Sentech EXCO | Yes |
| USAAASA | Vox Telecommunications | Internet Connectivity equipment and Connectivity Services | R1 308 030.00 | 04 Feb 2015-03 Feb 2018 | Mr Zami Nkosi | Yes |

SITA has awarded contracts on RFQs to VOX as per the attached table (**Annexure**).

Over and above the transactions listed in the attached table, in 2014 SITA published to the open market RFB 1316/2014 for off-net voice services for the agency. After evaluation and approval the tender was awarded for 3 years to Vox for the total amount of R10 425 600.00. The tender was approved by the Bid Adjudication Committee as per the SITA Delegation of Authority. In terms of the tender requirements, bidders were required to provide two options on the solution required and to price them separately. After award, it was realised that the bid price for the solution awarded to Vox was actually for the other option.

SITA attempted to withdraw the award. The decision to withdraw was challenged by Vox as it was of the view that it is entitled to the tender. SITA launched a counter application to have its decision set aside in order to approach the market. The Court set aside the award to Vox as it was based on the incorrect evaluation results.

**Approved/ not approved**

**Dr Siyabonga Cwele, MP**

**Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services**

**Date:**