

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 3706

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**3706. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Does the Independent Electoral Commission intend to purchase new (a) software and/or (b) hardware during the current financial year; if so, (i) what is the purpose of each purchase, (ii) which company has been awarded each contract, (iii) what is the total monetary value of each contract, (iv) in which country is each contractor based and (v) what is the total price of each tender that won the contract? NW4137E

**REPLY:**

1. Yes. The present operating system is out of date and thus not subject to maintenance support and also outside Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) maintenance and support. The absence of maintenance and support will negatively impact on the reliability and performance stability of operating environment and systems, and also render our network security vulnerable. The upgrade of our Operating System (OS) necessitated the upgrade of all applications systems in the environment to ensure software compatibility and integration including access to new patches, bug fixes and security enhancements.

(a)(i-v) The information on the software are tabulated in the **Annexure A** attached.

1. Yes. The present ICT hardware infrastructure (i.e. servers, backup devices, switches, printers, etc.) is out of date and thus not subject to maintenance support, most of the hardware is older than 10 years and also outside Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) maintenance support and availability of spare parts. The absence of maintenance, support and spare parts will negatively impact on the reliability and performance stability our ICT infrastructure and render our network security vulnerable.

(a)(i-v) The details of the hardware are tabulated in the **Annexure B** attached.

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| **ANNEXURE A : SOFTWARE** |
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| ***Procurement Items*** | ***(i) what is the purpose of each purchase***  | ***(ii) which company has been awarded each contract*** | ***(iii) what is the total monetary value of each contract*** | ***(iv) in which country is each contractor based*** | ***(v) what is the total price of each tender that won the contract?*** |
| 1. **Enterprise Network Monitoring Solution**
 | *Upgrade enterprise network monitoring and replace current solution which is inadequate* | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not established yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes. However, we always procure from local South African suppliers | The monetary value is not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes  |
| 1. **Network Access Management solution**
 | *Improve network security through an integrated network access control solution (NAC)* | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not established yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes. However, we always procure from local South African suppliers | The monetary value is not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes  |
| 1. **Mobile Device Management Solution**
 | *Software solution to enable control and secure access to mobile devices and deliver services securely and**manage data on mobile devices.* | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not established yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes. However, we always procure from local South African suppliers | The monetary value is not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes  |
| 1. **Vmware**
 | *Procure additional VMware licences to increase virtualisation capacity* | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not established yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes. However, we always procure from local South African suppliers | The monetary value is not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes  |
| 1. **Identity Management Solution**
 | *Strengthen security and access control through a modern integrated identity management solution* | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not established yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes. However, we always procure from local South African suppliers | The monetary value is not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes  |
| 1. **Security information and event management (SIEM)**
 | *Improve network and information security by replacing current solution which has reached end of life.*  | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not established yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes. However, we always procure from local South African suppliers | The monetary value is not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes  |

| **ANNEXURE B: HARDWARE** |
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| ***Procurement Items*** | ***(i) what is the purpose of each purchase***  | ***(ii) which company has been awarded each contract*** | ***(iii) what is the total monetary value of each contract*** | ***(iv) in which country is each contractor based*** | ***(v) what is the total price of each tender that won the contract?*** |
| 1. **Servers**
 | *Replacing datacentre servers which are more than 10 years old, and out of maintenance support.* | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not established yet, subject to market conditions, budgetary figure of R20 660 000,00 | Not established yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes. However, we always procure from local South African suppliers | The monetary value is not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes  |
| 1. **Provincial backup devices**
 | *Replacing backup devices at provincial offices which are too old, and out of maintenance support.* | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not established yet, subject to market conditions, budgetary figure of R2 800 000,00 | Not established yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes. However, we always procure from local South African suppliers | The monetary value is not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes  |
| 1. **Wide Format Lazer printers**
 | *Replacing plotters and wide format lazer printers which are too old, and out of maintenance support.* | Not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes | Not established yet, subject to market conditions, budgetary figure of R1 500 000,00 | Not established yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes. However, we always procure from local South African suppliers | The monetary value is not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes  |
| 1. **Network switches**
 | *Replacing old network swithes to improve network management and security capability* | Not awarded yet, but will be standardised on HP network switches. | Not established yet, subject to market conditions, budgetary figure of R3 000 000,00 | Not established yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes. However, we always procure from local South African suppliers | The monetary value is not determined yet, still subject to the outcome of procurement processes  |