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**3812. Dr M J Figg (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works:**

(1) Whether the proposed leasing policy of his department has been finalised; if not, (a) why not and (b) by what date will the policy be finalised; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) are there any recommendations regarding black ownership requirements for landlords tendering for Government leases; if so, (a) what are the recommendations and (b) how do the recommendations differ from the current policies of his department? **NW4312E**

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**The Minister of Public Works:**

**REPLY:**

1. (a) Leasing is encapsulated in the Property Management Empowerment Policy of the Department which is still being developed and consulted with various stakeholders.
2. The policy will be signed and adopted before the end of the year. In addition the Department together with National Treasury developed a Standard Leasing Framework which will be approved soon.

2. (a) & (b) Yes in terms of the policy there will be a qualifying criteria in accordance with BBBEE accreditation. The awarding of leasing opportunities and period of lease (tenure) will be aligned in accordance with BEE qualifications. The property sector code has been aligned to the generic codes of good practice in terms of the amended BBBEE Act to give effect to higher targets for Black Economic Empowerment in the property sector. The new Regulations for Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, were implemented on 01 April 2017 to give more weight to preferential points when evaluating the bids. In terms of the PPPFA budget can be allocated for set asides in the property environment to target designated groups.