

**MINISTRY: PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**DATE: 11 FEBRUARY 2021**

**QUESTION NO.: 63**

**Mrs C C S Motsepe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

What (a) total amount has the National School of Government spent on consultants in the period between 1 January and 31 December 2020 and (b) are the relevant details of the (i) name of each specified consultant, (ii) work done by each consultant and (iii) amount paid to each consultant? **NW65E**

**REPLY:**

The National School of Government reporting to the Minister of Department of Public Service and Administration

1. Spent a total amount of R15,089,360.38 on consultants for the period between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020. It should be noted that whilst the details below are reflected as payments to consultants, they do not necessarily represent the outsourcing of services for which the NSG employs people to render. For example, internal audit services are outsourced hence they appear below, inclusive of fees paid to external members of the audit committee.

Further, it should be noted that the NSG operates a Training Management IT

system which requires specialists to manage linked to the term of the contract of the software solution. Also included are the services of a temporary nurse who was contracted to provide screening services for COVID-19. Finally, we also reflect fees paid to independent contractors who are an extension of training arm. Money paid to these independent training contractors are recovered through the training fees charged to learners.

i.e. 2019/20 – 01 January 2020 – 31 March 2020 = R 9 667 710,85

 2020/21 – 01 April 2020 – 31 December 2020 = R 5 421 649,53

(b) Relevant details: IT Related – Outsourced services

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| (i) Name of Consultant | (ii) Work done  | (iii) Amount paid | 2019/20 January – March 2020 | 2020/21 April – December 2020 |
| The Training Room online | Management of the Moodle eLearning platform | R1,467,226.18 | R290,151.17 | R1,177,075.01 |
| Esoftware Solutions | Management of the Training Management System | R736,894.16 | R383,523.86 | R353,370.30 |
| Bytes System Integration | Outsourced ICT services | R2,021,343.81 | R500,656.89 | R1,520,686.92 |

(b) Relevant details: Professional Services

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| (i) Name of Consultant | (ii) Work done  | (iii) Amount paid | 2019/20 January – March 2020 | 2020/21 April – December 2020 |
| Lunika Incorporated | Internal auditing services | R587,867.36 | R222,701.39 | R365,165.97 |
| Nkosi | Audit Committee Member | R39,861.00 | R12,978.00 | R26,883.00 |
| Peense | Audit Committee Member | R81,576.00 | R81,576.00 | R0.00 |
| Shikwane | Audit Committee Member | R54,721.00 | R54,721.00 | R0.00 |
| Van Der Nest | Audit Committee Member | R12,978.00 | R12,978.00 | R0.00 |

(b) Relevant details: Research

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| (i) Name of Consultant | (ii) Work done  | (iii) Amount paid | 2019/20 January – March 2020 | 2020/21 April – December 2020 |
| Blue Oceans Information Solution | Research and Development Consultants | R338,100.00 | R0.00 | R338,100.00 |
| De Waal Research | Research and Development Consultants | R18,960.00 | R0.00 | R18,960.00 |
| Kula Development and Business | Research and Development Consultants | R149,130.00 | R0.00 | R149,130.00 |
| Lokisa Human Development Solution | Research and Development Consultants | R21,000.00 | R0.00 | R21,000.00 |

(b) Relevant details: Nurse – Covid-19 screening

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| (i) Name of Consultant | (ii) Work done  | (iii) Amount paid | 2019/20 January – March 2020 | 2020/21 April – December 2020 |
| Revolution Human Capital | Professional nurse – covid-19 screening at the department | R117,142.19 | R0.00 | R117,142.19 |

(b) Relevant details: Training related (recovered from training fees)

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| (i) Name of Consultant | (ii) Work done  | (iii) Amount paid | 2019/20 January – March 2020 | 2020/21 April – December 2020 |
| Various Experts as per attached spreadsheet (attached) | Training of National and Provincial departments and Local Government | R9,387,290.68 | R8,107,934.54 | R1,279,356.14 |

(b) Relevant details: Verification Agencies

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| (i) Name of Consultant | (ii) Work done  | (iii) Amount paid | 2019/20 January – March 2020 | 2020/21 April – December 2020 |
| Honeycomb Bee Rating | Verification of B-BBEE status | R51,750.00 | 0.00 | R51,750.00 |
| SA Qualifications Authority | Verification of qualifications | R3,520.00 | R490.00 | R3,030.00 |

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