**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 674**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 24 MARCH 2020**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 11 MAY 2020**

**Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

Whether he, his department and/or any entity reporting to him purchased any personal protection equipment since 1 February 2020; if so, in each case, what are the relevant details of (a) the date on which the equipment was purchased, (b) the name of the supplier where the equipment was purchased, (c) the monetary value of the purchase, (d) the branding that appeared on the purchased equipment, including the branding of any political party, and (e)(i) how and (ii) where was the purchased equipment distributed?

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**REPLY:**

1. **Department of Justice and Constitutional Development**

The nature of the Departmental procurement process was initially an emergencyprocurement at court and regional level followed by major bulk centralised procurement at National office.

1. Regional and court level procurement started on 20 February 2020, and National Office centralised bulk procurement started on 21 April 2020.
2. Regional and court level procurement was done at local pharmacies, supermarkets and suppliers.

Below is the list of commodities procured nationally, and the relevant service provider after competitive procurement processes through quotations.

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| **Commodity** | **Quantity** | **Service provider** |
| Gloves | 280 000 | Okp Technologies |
| Face Masks - Durable/ Reusable | 30 000 | Fenpot Direct Cc |
| Surgical Face Visor | 3 348 | Orca Autobody And Restoration |
| Hand Sanitizers Spray Bottles 1 litres | 6 696 - 1 litres | Betaclean Chemicals&Cleaning Services |
| Hand Sanitizers 5 litres | 1600 - 5 litres | Givy's Cuisine |
| Hand Liquid Soap 5 Litres | 4000 – 5 litres | Kaprivi Generals (Pty) Ltd |
| Non-Contact Infrared Thermometer | 250 | Motsweding Medical Suppliers |

1. The total reported expenditure to date at regional level is R4,032 million. The breakdown per region is tabulated below:

| **Region** | **Amount** |
| --- | --- |
| Western Cape | R290 326 |
| Eastern Cape | R402 918 |
| Kwazulu Natal | R460 982 |
| Mpumalanga | R120 641 |
| North West | R633 479 |
| Northern Cape | R265 458 |
| Free State | R335 014 |
| Limpopo | R326 446 |
| Gauteng | R1 197 554 |
| **Total Regional Expenditure** | **R 4 032 818** |

Total expenditure for bulk centralised procurement at national level is R3, 073 million.

1. Branding on the products was that of the relevant supplier or the relevant trademark. No products with political branding were procured.
2. Products procured at court level were distributed to personnel under the guidance of the relevant Court Manager or supervisor. Regional procurement was divided and distributed to individual courts and clusters.

National Procurement for Courts, Masters offices, State Attorney Offices and Family Advocates were distributed to Regional offices who then ensured delivery to respective offices. Departmental vehicles and courier companies were used for distribution.

1. **Special Investigating Unit (SIU)**:

| **(a) Date of purchase** | **Type of PPE** | **(b)Name of supplier** | **(c)Amount** | **(d)Branding** | **(e)(i) Distribution of equipment - How** | **(e)(ii) Distribution of equipment - Where** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 09 April 2020 | Surgical masks | Conquest | R2,419.60 | No branding | Handed to Investigators | Gauteng SIU office |
| During March 2020 | Surgical Gloves | Kit Kat | R200 | No branding | Handed to Casual Staff member (only 1 pair distributed) | Gauteng SIU office |
| 18/03/2020 | Surgical Gloves | Dischem | R300 | No branding | Handed to SIU Staff members (Only a few pairs distributed) | Gauteng SIU office |

1. **Legal Aid South Africa**

Legal Aid South Africa procured personal protective equipment (PPE) which included sanitisers, gloves and masks. The details of the procurement are indicated on **Annexure A**.

1. A total of hundred and eighty-one (181) orders were placed and delivered at 59 local offices, 6 provincial offices and at the National office
2. The equipment was procured from external suppliers.
3. The total value of the supplies was R150 399.25
4. There was no political branding on the equipment purchased.
5. Legal Aid SA Supply Chain Management policies and procedures were followed in purchasing the goods.

The supplies were distributed across 59 local offices, 6 provincial offices and at the National office.

* The sanitisers were placed at all entrances for all to use before entering the buildings
* Gloves were prioritised to front line staff and those who came into contact with clients and also all legal practitioners were given to use them in court and during consultations.
* Masks were given to front line staff and those who came in contact with clients and practitioners were given to use in court and during consultations.

It should be noted that the Legal Aid SA’s National Office has placed an order through the National Treasury transversal contract. The goods have not yet been delivered. Details of the order placed are as follows:

**Order placed with NT through transversal contract – NT Instruction 03 of 2020**

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| **Date** | 27 April 2020 |
| **Supplier** | Imperial Logistics South Africa |
| **Details of goods** | Sanitisers, Gloves, masks and thermal scanners |
| **Amount** | R599,348,95 |

1. **National Prosecuting Authority (NPA)**

The breakdown list of purchases of PPEs by the NPA, and distribution to the divisions and offices across the country is attached as **Annexure B**. The PPEs had no branding of any political party or corporate branding.