

**MINISTER**

**HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WATER AND SANITATION**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.: 674**

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**Mr N E Hinana (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:**

Whether (a) her department and/or (b) any entity reporting to her makes use of private security firms; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, in each case, what is the (i) name of each firm, (ii) purpose, (iii) value and (iv) duration of each specified contract? NW792E

**REPLY:**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION**

(a) The Department of Water and Sanitation utilises security services to safeguard the offices and assets at the Head Office and in the nine provincial offices. In some cases the security services are utilised to safeguard infrastructure that is vulnerable to vandalism. The details of security services utilised by the department, including the value and duration of each contract are as indicated in the table below.

| **DWS OFFICES** | **DURATION** | **OVERALL TOTAL AMOUNT** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Gauteng | 3 years | R 51 343 490.67 |
| Limpopo | 3 years | R 107 445 391.45 |
| North West | 3 years | R 103 590 139.20 |
| Northern Cape | 3 years | R 42 975 919.99 |
| Mpumalanga | 3 years | R 126 243 166.10 |
| Eastern Cape | 3 years | R 35 941 560.09 |
| Western Cape | 3 years | R 28 108 990.50 |
| Free State | 3 years | R 28 224 645.84 |
| Kwazulu Natal | 3 years | R 73 029 989.30 |
| Limpopo | 3 years | R 49 002 318.79 |
| Limpopo | 3 years | R 86 248 327.02 |
| Limpopo | 3 years | R 74 959 628.90 |
| Gauteng (Vaal River intervention Security Services) | 6 months | R14 000 000.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **R 821 113 567.85** |

(b) The entities utilise security services to safeguard the offices and assets as well as to safeguard infrastructure that is vulnerable to vandalism. The details of security services utilised by the entities of the DWS, including the value and duration of each contract are as indicated below.

| **Name of the Entity** | **The value** | **The duration** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency (BGCMA) | R354.25 monthly | 1 year (expiry date: 31 October 2021) |
| Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency (IUCMA) | R1,128,966.84 | 36 months (ending 31 July 2021) |
| Amatola Water | R5,003,846.82 | The contract started on the 16th October 2020, for a duration of 3 years. |
| Bloem Water | N/A | N/A |
| Lepelle Northern Water | R16,635,920.64 | 3 year contract - April 2020 to March 2023 |
| R23,084,192.88 | 3 year contract - April 2020 to March 2023 |
| Magalies Water | R21,033,179.07 | Three (3) years  2018 - 2021 |
| Mhlathuze Water | R8,634,793.20 | Three (3) years – 2019 to 2022 |
| Overberg Water | N/A | N/A |
| Rand Water | R158,120,783.85 | Thirty Six (36) Months (March 2020 to 28 February 2023) |
| Sedibeng Water | R20,908,079.54 | Thirty-six months |
| R6,318,000.00 | Thirty-six months |
| R20,850,000.00 | Thirty-six months |
| R5,994,927.00 | Thirty-six months |
| R8,576,214.80 | Thirty-six months |
| R13,206,609.61 | Thirty-six months |
| R17,438,493.77 | Thirty-six months |
| R13,081,266.05 | Thirty-six months |
| R22,641,378.55 | Thirty-six months |
| Umgeni Water | R345,318,429.60 | Five (5) years |
| Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority | R6.1 mil | 3 years  From 01 June 2019 to  31 May 2022 |
| Water Research Commission | R1,152,638.10 | Two (02) years - November 2019 to 31 October 2021 |

Honourable Member, I am constrained and prohibited by the document titled “*Guide to Parliamentary Questions in the National Assembly”* from providing names of security firms as requested. The document referred to states that:

***“****Questions are to be framed as concisely as possible. All unnecessary adjectives, references and quotations are omitted.* ***Names of persons, bodies and, for example, newspapers are only used in questions if the facts surrounding the case have been proven. As the mere mention of such names could be construed as publicity for or against them, it should be clear that this practice is highly undesirable.*** *If a question will be unintelligible without mentioning such names, the Departments concerned are notified of the name (-s) and this phrase is used:* ***".......a certain person (name furnished)”***

**(a) DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLMENTS (DHS) AND ITS ENTITIES:**

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| **Department** | **(ii)Purpose** | **(iii)Value** | **(iv)Duration of specified contract** |
| **Human Settlements** | To render guarding services | R9 199 080.00 | 01 June 2018 to 31 May 2021 |

(b) **HUMAN SETTLEMENT ENTITIES**

| **Entity** | **(ii) Purpose** | **(iii) Value** | **(iv) Duration of each specified contract** |
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| Estate Agency Affairs Board (EAAB) | Provision of security services at the EAAB office (63 Wierda Road Sandton) | R2 759 704.65 (?) | 01 November 2016 to  31 October 2021 |
| National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC) | Alarm and Armed response for 22 NHBRC offices | R155 728.00 | 01 January 2021 to  30 April 2021 |
| Physical Guarding Security and installation of security systems | R1 072 235.00 | 01 February 2021 to  01 February 2022 |
| Physical Guarding security services for office in Gqebertha | R259 191. 18 | 01 January 2021 to  01 January 2023 |
| Physical Guarding Security Service | R12 771 759.60 | 10 December 2020 to  10 January 2023 |
| Filed Risk Assessment | R453 800.00 | 01 October 2020 to  31 December 2021 |
| Community Schemes Ombud Service (CSOS) | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| National Housing Finance Corporation (NHFC) | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA) | Security officers to safe guard the property 24 hours | R695 669.00 | January 2020 to June 2021 |
| Security Guard | R1 490 500.00 | January 2020 to December 2020 |
| Housing Development Agency (HDA) | Antiland invasion – property guarding | R328 440.00 | 1 March 2020 to 30 April 2021 |
| Antiland invasion – property guarding | R2 196 684.00 | 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2022 |
| Antiland invasion – property guarding | R324 161.17 | 1 March 2020 to 30 April 2021 |
| Antiland invasion – property guarding | R401 579.17 | 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021 |
| Antiland invasion – property guarding | R336 029.17 | 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021 |
| Antiland invasion – property guarding | R398 898.66 | 1 March 2021 to 31 February 2022 |
| Antiland invasion – property guarding | R431 231.23 | 1 June 2020 – 31 May 2021 |
| Antiland invasion – property guarding | R366 252.00 | 1 August 2020 – 31 July 2021 |
| Office security services performed by two (2) security officers | R544 536.09 | 1 February 2021 – 31 October 2022 |
| Alarm system and armed response | R450.00 | Month to month contract |
| Alarm system and armed response | R 412.00 | Month to month contract |