###### National Assembly

Question Number: 681

**Mr T R Majola (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) (a) When was a tender notice issued by her department for the installation of photovoltaic solar panels at the country’s regional airports, (b) who won the tender(s) and (c) what were the criteria that had to be met by the bidders to be awarded a tender;

(2) (a) what is the value of the tenders that were awarded and (b) what are the (i) timelines and (ii) time frames of each tender that was awarded;

(3) what (a) processes, procedures and mechanisms exist in terms of the (i) supply and (ii) installation of photovoltaic solar panels, (b)(i) research and/or (ii) analysis has been undertaken to demonstrate savings of any description once such technology is installed at the specified airports and (c) were the results in each case? NW796E

**Reply:**

**Airports Company South Africa SOC Limited (ACSA)**

1. (a) The tender notice was issued by ACSA Procurement on Sunday, 05 October 2014. The tender was advertised in the Sunday Times and on the CIDB website.

(b) VE Reticulation won the tender on an open tender process and

(c) The following criteria were compulsory;

* Attendance of a compulsory site meeting
* Bidders must have a minimum CIDB grading of 7EP or higher
* Acceptance of ACSA Terms and conditions
* Valid SARS tax clearance certificate

Other criteria used;

* Functionality
* Price & BBBEE
1. (a) The value of the tenders that were awarded was R 15, 503, 477.00.
2. The timelines were as follows:
3. Six month construction period and;
4. The tender was awarded on a six month construction period.

(3) (a)(i)(ii) Open tender process exists.

 (b)(i)(ii) IRR and NPV calculations were done.

1. George is currently the only plant in operation and all assumptions will be tested against actual power generations and saving achieved. The viability will be proven over the first year of operation.