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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 900**

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**Dr W J Boshoff (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

(1) Whether, with reference to the delayed distribution of laptop computers to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme students, any irregularities were found in the first round of bid evaluation and adjudication; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of the specified irregularities;

(2) whether the company to whom the tender would have been awarded, had the process not been terminated, had in fact complied with all requirements as set out for the bid evaluation criteria; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

(1) No irregularities were noted in the cancelled tender. The tender was cancelled in accordance with regulation 13 (1) (c) of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, as no acceptable bids were received. All 150 bid proposals were disqualified for not achieving the mandatory requirements of the tender.

(2) None of the proposals met the mandatory requirements as outlined in the bid document.

(3) No.