###### National Assembly

**Question No: 908**

**908. Ms L V James (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether the SA Maritime Safety Authority has any debt that has remained unpaid for 30 days or more; if so, (a) what (i) are the details of the debts, (ii) are the reasons for non-payment in each case, (b) on what date will each debt be settled and (c) what (i) processes, (ii) procedures and (iii) mechanisms are in place to ensure that payments are made on time? NW977E

**REPLY**

1. (i) and (a) (ii)

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| **SAMSA SUPPLIER INVOICES OLDER THAN 30 DAYS** |
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| **Supplier Name** | **Amount Over 30 Days** | **Comments** |
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| 1. WorldSport South Africa | R 2 053 332 | The amount was the subject of a dispute with the supplier. The supplier has since agreed topayments in 6 monthly instalments following the resolution of a dispute. |
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| 2. PNN Ship Suppliers and Logistics | R 1 752 276 | Supplier payment is effected upon receiving funding from the Department of Fisheries and Forestry. This occurs at quarterly intervals upon which all outstanding supplier invoices are cleared. The next payment run will occur in April/May 2017. |
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| 3. Lloyd's Register EMEA | R 965 000 | Supplier payment is done bi-annually. The next payment will be made in June 2017. |
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| 4. Microsoft Ireland Operations | R 239 812 | Supplier payment is effected upon receiving funding from the Department of Fisheries and Forestry. This occurs at quarterly intervals upon which all outstanding supplier invoices are cleared. The next payment run will occur in April/May 2017. |
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| 5. Only Orange Electrical CC | R 307 865 | Supplier payment is effected upon receiving funding from the Department of Fisheries and Forestry. This occurs at quarterly intervals upon which all outstanding supplier invoices are cleared. The next payment run will occur in April/May 2017. |
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| 6. Viking Life Saving Equipment | R 160 616 | Supplier payment is effected upon receiving funding from the Department of Fisheries and Forestry. This occurs at quarterly intervals upon which all outstanding supplier invoices are cleared. The next payment run will occur in April/May 2017. |
| **TOTAL** | **R 5 478 901** |  |

1. All the invoices will be settled in the current financial year (2017/18). A mentioned above, the main reason for the bulk of the long outstanding invoices is SAMSAs cash flow situation which resulted in delays in supplier payments with some of the suppliers, particularly the major suppliers, agreeing on structured payment plans. The financial situation is improving which will lead to most, if not all, suppliers over 30 days old being brought up to date.
2. A supplier reconciliation is performed for each supplier. Any invoice that is identified as long outstanding, the reasons thereof are obtained from the employee who placed an order with the supplier. In addition, suppliers would often contact finance staff when their invoices miss the payment date. The finance staff would follow up on the reasons and resolve the matter.