# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 912**

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**Mr P A van Staden (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) Whether his department awarded any tenders connected to the Covid-19 pandemic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) are the names of the businesses to whom these tenders were awarded, (b) are the amounts of each tender awarded and (c) was the service and/or product to be supplied by each business;

(2) whether there was any deviation from the standard supply chain management procedures in the awarding of the tenders; if so, (a) why and (b) what are the relevant details in each case;

(3) what was the reason for which each specified business was awarded the specified tender;

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

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**REPLY:**

1. No tenders were awarded related to COVID-19 pandemic, but Goods and Services are acquired following deviation emergency procedure.
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.
5. Yes, deviations were made from standards of supply chain management, not for tenders as there were no tenders awarded, but for Goods and Services acquired;
6. Because goods and services acquired during the Covid-19 pandemic were treated as health emergency hence deviation process was followed.
7. The details in each relevant case are as follows:
8. Yellow Technical Services at the total cost of R10 521 141.65 for the supply, deliver, installation and commissioning of eight (8) static scanners, and Ninety-one (91) handheld scanners at various port of entry;
9. Mr First Aid (Pty) Ltd at the total cost of R1 342 952.75 for the supply and delivery of personal protective equipment;
10. Protea Hotel Ranch Resort at the total cost of R11 256 000.00 for the provision of accommodation to place all persons repatriated from China as well as the support team involved in the repatriation under quarantine for a period of 14 days;
11. Fourth Door Holdings (Pty) Ltd at the total cost of R1 447 074.90 to drive a public awareness and engagement campaign on coronavirus campaign using multiple communication platforms;
12. Equal Edge Trading (Pty) Ltd at the total cost of R3 600 000.00 to drive a public awareness and engagement campaign on coronavirus campaign using multiple communication platforms;
13. Intelligent Medical Systems (Pty) Ltd t/a Bluebird at the total cost of R18 193 920.00 for the provision of National Covid-19 surveillance and case management system in order to strengthen Covid-19 laboratory and hospital-based reporting for a period of six (6) months;
14. Aurum Innova (Pty) Ltd at the total cost of R2 929 000.00 for the expansion of scope of work to include Covid-19 screening;
15. Digital Vibes (Pty) Ltd at the total cost of R35 906 450.00 for Covid-19 communication strategy;
16. Digital Vibes (Pty) Ltd at the total cost of R2 104 500.00 to conduct media interviews.
17. Not applicable as no tenders were awarded. Awards made for Goods and Services were due to emergency procurement responding to the COVID-19 outbreak;
18. There is no statement to be made.

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