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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 927**

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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 17 OF 2020**

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

(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:**

**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION:**

1. The Department of Science and Innovation has not awarded any goods or services exceeding R500 000 (tenders) at this stage. All the Covid-19 related purchases have been below R500 000, procurement was done through quotations;
2. Not applicable;
3. Not applicable;
4. Not applicable.

**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

1. Procurement in excess of R500 000 per case is considered as a tender, hence no single tender was awarded in respect of COVID-19 to date;
2. None;
3. Not applicable;
4. Not applicable.