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	<p>can be provided by one or more tertiary institutions or public entities and enterprises from the private sector, the appointment of a contractor must be done by means of a tendering process with effect from 7 December 2011." In order to comply with the requirements of Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (5/2000) the Department went on tender to appoint Implementing Agents, Professional Service Providers and Contractors. The tenders were advertised on the 4 May 2012 and closed 1 June 2012. However, due to the volume of tenders received it was going to take the Department a long time to complete the process of evaluating the tenders received. What the Department did to ensure that the project is not compromised; a number of public entities, namely, DBSA, Mhlathuze, Coega, IDT an CSIR as well as provincial education departments and provincial departments of public works were appointed as Implementing Agents to continue with the project while the tenders were being finalised. This was done to ensure that there is a fair spread of allocation of contracts.</p>	
2013/14	<p>National Treasury issued the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2011, which states that " Should and organ of state require the services that can be provided by one or more tertiary institutions or public entities and enterprises from the private sector, the appointment of a contractor must be done by means of a tendering process with effect from 7 December 2011." In order to comply with the requirements of Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (5/2000) the Department went on tender to appoint Implementing Agents, Professional Service Providers and Contractors. The tenders were advertised on the 4 May 2012 and closed 1 June 2012. However, due to the volume of tenders received it was going to take the Department a long time to complete the process of evaluating the tenders received. What the Department did to ensure that the project is not compromised; a number of public entities, namely, DBSA, Mhlathuze, Coega, IDT an CSIR as well as provincial education</p>	Not applicable

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Ms J F Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

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2. (a) and (b)(i)(aa) Description	(a)and (b)(i)(bb) Amount R'000	Financial year	(a)and(b)(i)(cc) Action
Irregular	R 81 771	2010/11	There was no official liable and Treasury Approved condonation
Irregular	R 74 820	2011/12	There was no official liable and Treasury Approved condonation
Irregular	R 82 808	2012/13	The Department has made a request from Treasury for condonation.
Irregular	R 675 337	2013/14	The Department has made a request from Treasury for condonation