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Response to question NW3723E posted to the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Service the Honourable Dr Cwele by Mr. T Rawula (EFF)

Whether (a) his department and/or (b) entities reporting to him awarded any contracts and/or tenders to certain companies (names and details furnished) from 1 January 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, in each case, (i) what service was provided, (ii) what was the (aa) value and (bb) length of the tender and/or contract, (iii) who approved the tender and/or contract and (iv) was the tender and/or contract in line with all National Treasury and departmental procurement guidelines? NW3723E

SITA Response:

(b) SITA has awarded contracts on RFQs to VOX , as per the details below:

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PO Number	Length of the tender and/or contract (Procurement Type)	Order Date	What Service was provided? (Description)	What was the value? (Amount Excl. VAT.)	Who approved the tender and/or contract and was the tender and/or contract in line with all National Treasury and departmental procurement guidelines? (Approval)
332458	Annual Maintenance	2018/03/15 12:18	Annual maintenance of the email service for SA engineer formation.	1 773.68	The request is based on the SLA that SITA has with SA Army Engineers Formation for annual maintenance of the email service. Approved by the Senior Manager (W Grobler) on 08 March 2018 in line with SITA delegation of Authority.
330464	Annual Maintenance	2017/01/24 08:24	Annual maintenance of the email service for SA engineer formation.	1 519.9	The request is based on the SLA that SITA has with SA Army Engineers Formation for annual maintenance of the email service. Approved by the Senior Manager (W J van der Merwe) in line with SITA delegation of Authority.
328038	Annual Maintenance	2016/02/04 10:58	Annual maintenance of the email service for SA engineer formation.	1 463.05	The request is based on the SLA that SITA has with SA Army Engineers Formation for annual maintenance of the email service. Approved by the Senior Manager (W J van der Merwe) on 29 January 2016 in line with SITA delegation of Authority.
324293	Annual Maintenance	2015/01/27 11:33	Annual maintenance of the email service for SA engineer formation.	1 463.05	The request is based on the SLA that SITA has with SA Army Engineers Formation for annual maintenance of the email service. Approved by the Senior Manager (E Maragela) on 08 December 2014 in line with SITA delegation of Authority.
327713	Price Quotation	2015/12/01 11:09	Digital Viewer Software Expert – SAPS Port Shepstone	34 758.86	The requirement in terms of the Treasury prescripts is that a minimum of 3 quotations must be obtained for procurement request less than R500k. In this case the RFQ was issued to the market and 2 responses were received. Evaluation was conducted and VOX scored the highest points in line with evaluation preference point system prescribed in PPPFA and Vox was the successful bidder. The award was approved on 05 November 2015 by the Provincial HoD (M Mchunu signed on behalf of S Ntuli) as per the SITA DOA at the time
327712	Price Quotation	2015/12/01 11:07	Digital Viewer Software Expert – SAPS Port Shepstone	34 758.86	The requirement in terms of the Treasury prescripts is that a minimum of 3 quotations must be obtained for any procurement request less than R500k. In this case the RFQ was issued to the market and 3 responses were received. Evaluation was conducted and VOX scored the highest point in line with evaluation preference point system prescribed in PPPFA and Vox was the successful bidder. The award was approved on 05 November 2015 by the Provincial HoD (M Mchunu signed on behalf of S Ntuli) as per the SITA DOA at the time.

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327709	Price Quotation	2015/12/01 10:49	Digital Viewer Software Expert – SAPS Pietermaritzburg	13 326.4	The requirement in terms of the Treasury prescripts is that a minimum of 3 quotations must be obtained for any procurement request less than R500k. In this case the RFQ was issued to the market and 2 responses were received. Evaluation was conducted and VOX scored the highest point in line with evaluation preference point system prescribed in PPPFA and Vox was the successful bidder. The award was approved on 12 October 2015 by the Provincial HoD (S Ntuli) as per the SITA DOA at the time.
324308	Price Quotation	2015/01/27 15:13	Telephone handsets for the DoE in KZN	347 367.3	The requirement in terms of the Treasury prescripts is that a minimum of 3 quotations must be obtained for any procurement request less than R500k. In this case the RFQ was issued to the market and 3 responses were received. Evaluation was conducted and VOX scored the highest point in line with evaluation preference point system prescribed in PPPFA and Vox was the successful bidder. The award was approved on 07 November 2014 by the Provincial HoD (S Ntuli) as per the SITA DOA at the time.
323653	Training	2014/11/04 13:38	Training for the Server Administrator for RightFax	12500	As per SITA SCM Policy at the time, training requirements were excluded from procurement processes and they were executed through Human Capital Management (HCM) policies and processes. The 2014 process required that a business case be submitted upon identification of the course / training that is aligned to the work done by the employee. The aim of the course was for development and enhancement of skills in order to perform the assigned job. The approval to attend training was approved by HoD: Capital Management (G Makondo signed on behalf of H Ngwenya).

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- Over and above the transactions listed above, in 2014 SITA published to the open market RFB 1316/2014 for off-net voice services for the agency. After evaluation and approval the tender was awarded for 3 years to VOX for the total amount of R10 425 600.00. The tender was approved by the Bid Adjudication Committee as per the SITA Delegation of Authority. In terms of the tender requirements, bidders were required to provide two options on the solution required and to price them cost them separately. After award, it was realized that the bid price for the solution awarded to Vox was actually for the other option. SITA attempted to withdraw the award. The decision to withdraw was challenged by Vox as it was of the view that it is entitled to the tender. SITA launched a counter application to have its decision set aside in order to approach the market. The Court set aside the award to VOX as it was based on the incorrect evaluation results.

Yours sincerely

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