

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 125

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Mr D A Worth to ask the Minister of Education:

(1) In view of the fact that the tenders closed on 10 March 2006 and contracts have been entered into to supply computers and related services to schools in the Free State, (a) what are the names of the companies which tendered, (b) who were the successful companies, (c) who were the companies handed over to the National Intelligence Authority (NIA) for investigation, (d) what amounts were contracted for each company awarded a tender for the supply of equipment and services, (e) when will the delivery of all equipment and services be completed and (f) which schools in the Free State will receive this equipment and services;

(2) whether all the equipment and services have been rendered according to the tender and contract; if not, what action has been taken in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether any monies have been paid out to the companies to date; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether the schools which received an equipped computer classroom have been given an additional teacher so that these facilities can be fully utilised; if not, why not;

(5) whether (a) Sita has reneged on its agreement in this regard and (b) this matter has been reported to the relevant authority; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

(1)(a) The names of the companies that tendered can be found in Annexure A.

(b) The names of the successful companies can be found in Annexure B.

(c) The Free State Education Department will not disclose the names of the companies concerned, as this matter is in the hands of the National Intelligence Agency.

(d) Amounts contracted for each company awarded a tender for the supply of equipment and services are as follows:

NAME OF SUPPLIER	AMOUNT CONTRACTED	AMOUNT PAID
Qunu Idutywa TVA Best Harvest	4,496,442.72	0.00
Nontombi	5,904,946.30	0.00
Full Moon	947,124.50	0.00
Silver Shadow	976,650.00	0.00
Diphetogo General	5,059,802.00	919,964.00
Karabo Data Solutions	7,505,376.48	7,505,376.48
Kimcorp T/A Office World	5,064,470.00	1,823,209.20
Triple N Labour Service	2,567,264.80	1,030,283.90
Tshwara Thebe	943,382.44	12,449.20
TOTAL:	33,465,459.24	11,295,723.48

(e) The delivery of all equipment and services will be completed by 13 October 2006.

(f) The list of schools in the Free State that will receive the equipment and services can be found in Annexure C.

(2) Yes,

- 300 schools have been supplied with two computers and a printer each for administrative purposes.
- 152 schools have been supplied with a data projector and a computer.
- 41 out of 121 centers have been established. Those remaining are at various stages of completion.

(3) Yes;

Monies that have been paid to companies are follows:

NAME OF SUPPLIER	YEAR SERVICE EQUIPMENT	AMOUNT PAID
* Qunu Idutywa TVA Best Harvest	Computer Centres	0.00
* Nontombi	Computer Centres	0.00
** Full Moon	Admin Computers	0.00
** Silver Shadow	Admin Computers	0.00
Diphetogo General	Computer Centres	919,964.00
Karabo Data Solutions	Computer Centres	7,505,376.48
Kimcorp T/A Office World	Computer Centres	1,823,209.20
Triple N Labour Service		1,030,283.90
Tshwara Thebe	Admin Computers	12,449.20
TOTAL:		11,295,723.48

* The company must indicate that the job has been completed: IT specialists from the Department will verify; the company must then submit invoices; and finally the claim will be processed.

** The invoices have been received, and the claims are currently being processed.

Total amount paid: R11,295,723.48

(4) Where the provincial department has provided these computer programs, the schools have already made special arrangements to identify educators who will handle information technology matters

(5)(a) Yes. SITA reneged on its agreement.

(b) Yes, as prescribed by SITA regulations (2005), this matter was reported to the following authorities within thirty days after the award of this contract:

1. State Information Technology Agency,
2. Department of Public Service and Administration,
3. Provincial Department of Treasury, and
4. Provincial Auditor-General, even though this was not prescribed by SITA Regulation of 2005