

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 855

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**Mr G G Boinamo to ask the Minister of Education:**

- (1) Whether her department awarded a tender (EDO 333) for the Dinaledi Schools Project regarding teacher support packs for schools in support of the expanded mathematics, science and technology strategy to a certain company (name furnished) in or about September 2005; if not, (a) what is the position in this regard, (b) to whom was the tender awarded and (c) what amount had been budgeted for each aspect of this tender; if so, (i) what was the value of the tender, (ii) what was the price tendered by the said company, (iii) when was the tender awarded and (iv) what total amount was budgeted for each aspect of this tender by her department;
- (2) whether the tender or any aspects of the tender were subsequently cancelled; if so, (a) why, (b) who took the decision in this regard, (c) when was the said company advised that the tender or aspects of the tender (teacher support packs) had been cancelled and (d) what reasons were given to the said company for cancelling the tender;
- (3) whether her department has acquired teacher support packs from another source; if not, what other materials are the affected schools using; if so, (a) from which source, (b) why and (c) who took the decision in this regard;
- (4) whether she will make a statement on this matter?

### **ANSWER:**

- (1) No.
  - (a) Request For Proposal (RFP) for bid ED0 333 was advertised in the Government Tender Bulletin dated 2 September 2005 with a closing date of 30 September 2005. Eight RFPs were received on the closing date and time. The potential service providers who responded to the RFP were invited to submit cost proposals.
  - (b) The tender was awarded to (1) Institute for Scientific Research & Educational Development and (2) Somerset Educational (Pty) Ltd.
  - (c) Items were not individually budgeted for. However, an initial total amount of R2 167 000,00 was budgetted for this tender.

(i) After receipt of additional funds the total value of the tender was R3 020 000,00.

(ii) Institute for Scientific Research & Educational Development tendered for item D at an all-inclusive firm ceiling price of R1 902 000,00.

Somerset Educational (Pty) Ltd tendered for items A, C, E, & F at an all-inclusive firm ceiling price of R1 118 000,00.

(iii) Tender was awarded on 2 June 2006.

(iv) Individual items were not budgetted for.

(2) Yes.

(a) Item B: Teacher Manuals was cancelled due to a budget shortfall and the fact that Items A, C – F were of a higher priority to the Department.

(b) The Director-General.

(c) Item B was cancelled before the bid was awarded to any company.

(d) Same as 2(a).

(3) No, the two companies above were the only two successful service providers that were appointed. No other material was sourced.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(4) No.