

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NUMBER 1267

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MR WD SPIES (FF PLUS) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:

What percentage of pensioners, in terms of the current pension fund for retired civil servants, earns a monthly pension of (a) less than R1 000, (b) between (i) R1 000 and R2 499, (ii) R2 500 and R4 999 and (iii) R5 000 and R9 999 and (c) more than R10 000? **N987E**

REPLY:

(a)	Less than R1 000	25,2%
(b)	(i) Between R1 000 – R2 499	31,9%
	(ii) Between R2 500 – R4 999	22,8%
	(iii) Between R5 000 – R9 999	16,7%
(c)	More than R10 000	3,4%

The above data was extracted on 15 August 2005.

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QUESTION NUMBER 1498
16 SEPTEMBER 2005

MRS SM CAMERER (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Whether the government purchased the Compass pension fund management system; if not, (a) why not and (b) what system is used; if so, (i) when was it (aa) purchased and (bb) implemented and (ii) how much did the system cost? **N2004E**

REPLY:

Yes, the Compass pension fund management system has been purchased by government; this in order to modernize the information management, workflow and document management systems of the Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF).

- (i) (aa) The Compass system was purchased on 28 November 2001, which will be paid according to the signed agreement over a five-year period.
 - (bb) No, the Compass system has not been implemented yet, partly because of complications around aligning the system to the defined contribution approach that was strongly favoured the GEPF. As stated in the 2003/04 Annual Report, a review on its usability and implementation is under way, including looking into the high costs of regularly updating the system to changing business environment. Presently, a final decision by the newly elected GEPF Board of Trustees to proceed with the implementation of the system is awaited.
- (ii) The costs directly related to the Compass system were over R66,8 million.

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QUESTION NUMBER 1794

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MS S J LOE (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:

- (1) With reference to his reply to Question 1498 on 14 October 2005, who authorized the purchase of the Compass pension fund management system;
- (2) whether any trial runs were conducted on the system to ensure that it was compatible with the requirements; if not, why not; if so, (a) when were the trial runs conducted, (b) by whom and (c) with what results;
- (3) whether a tender was issued for the modernisation of the information management, workflow and document management systems of the Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF); if not (a) why not and (b) who took the decision not to issue a tender; if so, (i) when, (ii) which companies applied for the tender, (iii) what were the tender amounts, (iv) who took the decision to award the winning tender, (v) which company won the tender, (vi) where is it situated and (vii) who are the directors of the said company?

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REPLY:

- (1) The Head: Pensions Administrations and the then Chief Director: Pensions Administration, in their respective roles and working within the Government Employees Pension Fund and in collaboration with a Selection Panel and Technical Team (comprising of members and advisors) from various government departments and private sector organisations approved the purchase of the Compass Pension Fund Management System.
- (2) No. The reason for this is that the costs of running trials would have added significantly to the implementation costs. Also, the other factor that was taken into account was the uniqueness of the GEPF requirements, in particular the exit rules.
- (3) The modernisation of the information management, workflow and document management systems was not issued out as an independent tender, but it formed part of a comprehensive tender for the overhaul of the GEPF retirement fund administration system.
 - (i) The tender was issued during June 2000.

- (ii) - AST-Thuso Holdings (Pty) Ltd and Thuso Information Technology (Pty) Ltd with a FDP/COMPASS software solution
- Compaq Consortium with FDP/COMPASS software solution
- EDS South Africa (Pty) Ltd with a CPAS software solution
- South Africa Pension Administration Software (Pty) Ltd with a CPAS solution
- Debis Information Technology Services Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd
- Energ-E Consortium
- ERP com Holdings Limited
- Kusasa Technologies (Pty) Ltd
- Megatech Systems (Pty) Ltd
- MIP Holdings (Pty) Ltd
- Server Tools Dimension Data Holdings Ltd
- Ten 50 Six Holdings Ltd
- Ukukhanya Technologies Ltd, and
- Uskotec (Pty) Ltd

(iii) The tender amount awarded to AST-Thuso Consortium was R48 million.

(iv) See answer to 1 above.

(v) AST-Thuso Consortium with FDP Sungard (from the US) as a sub-contractor.

(vi) 47 Landmark Ave, Kosdal, Samrand, Gauteng.

(vii) The Directors of AST were:

Gerrie J de Klerk (Executive Chairman)
Jan J van Zyl (Chief Executive Officer)
Thinus Mulder (Chief Financial Officer)
Marthinus Erasmus
Joop Groeneveld
Phillip Vermeulen
John Ramatsui
Pieter Boucher
John Miller
Malcolm Macdonald*
Jac van der Walt*
Con Fauconnier*
Sipho Ndlovu*

Constance Nkosi*

**Non-executives*

The Directors of Thuso were:

LS Magobotla
NM Malefo
J Ramatsui
J Groeneveld
L Weitzman