

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Drs P de Lille (ID) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether government tenders have been awarded to certain companies (names furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) Whether these companies complied with tender requirements in regard to having tax clearance certificates; if no, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY

- (1) The authority to award tenders has been devolved to the various accounting officers / accounting authorities since the introduction of supply chain management in Government during December 2003. In order to monitor preferential procurement policy outcomes, the National Treasury manages and maintains an electronic database where national and provincial departments report the award of all contracts in excess of R100 000. It must be emphasized that the information contained in these reports are not audited and that the values of the individual contracts awarded may differ from the actual payment made. The names of the companies 101 Junjus Trading cc, Blue Nightingale Trading 61, Ever Roaring Investment and SGL Engineering Projects do not appear on the National Treasury's database.
- (2) The National Treasury, in collaboration with the South African Revenue Services (SARS), has issued an instruction to all accounting officers and accounting authorities that no contract may be awarded to a bidder who has failed to submit an original valid Tax Clearance Certificate from the SARS. Such a certificate will only be issued if the taxes of that bidder are in order or that suitable arrangements have been made with the SARS to meet any tax obligations. The Tax Clearance Certificate requirements are applicable to all contracts exceeding the threshold value of R30 000 (VAT included).