

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
QUESTION NUMBER: 2082 [NW2642E]**

2082. Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) With reference to the contract which the SA Revenue Service (Sars) awarded to the Public Affairs Research Institute (PARI) in February 2011 to conduct a Sars corruption study to the value of R799 755, what process of procurement was followed to appoint the PARI;
- (2) whether the specified tender was advertised; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what date was it advertised, (b) on what platforms and (c) which other organisations responded to the tender?

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REPLY:

- (1) Public Affairs Research Institute (PARI) was appointed via a bid process (SARS reference number RFQ 39-2010).
- (2) (a) RFQ 39-2010 was advertised on 09 December 2010 and officially closed on 10 January 2011 at 11h00.

(b) SARS issued a bid invitation letter on 08 December 2010 as part of a limited bid. A compulsory briefing session was requested with five (5) bidders attending and on the closing two (2) bids were received. RFQ 39-2010 was then approved by the Bid Adjudication Committee at that time.

(c) Two (2) bids were officially received on the closing date 10 January 2011 at 11h00. Bidder 1 – Ethics Institute of South Africa. Bidder 2 – Public Affairs Research Institute (PARI)