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Response to Question 5.FN011

With regard to the PEU capital smart meter contract with the city of Tshwane, could the MEC please indicate:

Question 1

Whether the Provincial Treasury is aware of the financial distress that the City is experiencing is experiencing due to the PEU contract?

Answer

Gauteng Provincial Treasury is required by law to publish on a quarterly basis a Consolidated Statement of Municipal Financial Performance, the December 2014 report for City of Tshwane is attached.

Question 2

Whether the Provincial Treasury is certain that the procurement processes and ultimately the contract is above board?

Answer

This question should be referred to the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.

Question 3

Whether the Provincial Treasury is aware of the Mayor's decision to stop all commission payments to PEU Capital with immediate effect?

Answer

This question should be referred to the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.

Question 4

Whether the Provincial Treasury is aware that the so called "Smart Meters" are not SABS approved?

Answer

This question should be referred to the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.

Question 5

Whether the Provincial Treasury is prepared to subpoena the City Manager, CFO and Mayor to appear before the department and/or committee to present their case and way forward with the project?

Answer

This question should be referred to the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.

Question 6

What is the Provincial Treasury's budget for assistance in case of a metro experiencing financial distress for the 2014/15 financial year?

Answer

Metropolitan Municipalities report directly to National Treasury, as such issues relating to budget for assistance in cases of financial distress. This question should be directed to National Treasury.

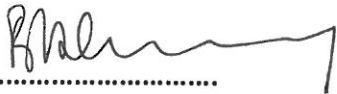
Question 7

What is the Provincial Treasury's contingency plan in place to assist Gauteng municipalities and metros in financial distress?

Answer

Metropolitan Municipalities report directly to National Treasury, as such issues relating to budget for assistance in cases of financial distress. If a municipality is in financial distress, GPT in collaboration with GCogta will provide technical support in the form of assessing and developing a financial recovery plan which will identify financial problems of the municipality.

Regards



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Response to Question 5.FN012

In terms of projects presented by the Premier in the 5 development corridors, could the MEC please indicate:

Question 1

What is the total amount budgeted for all projects in each development corridor;

Answer

- R3.1 billion is allocated towards the Central Development corridor,
- R2 billion is allocated towards the Eastern Development Corridor, and
- R2 billion is allocated towards the Northern Development corridor,
- R1.4 billion is allocated towards the Western corridor,
- R1.5 billion is allocated towards the Southern corridor and

Please see attached Budget Speech tabled at the Gauteng Legislature on the 03 March 2015.

Question 2

Please provide a list of all projects that are planned to be rolled out in each development corridor, providing the development corridor, project name, objective of the project, total budget of the project, when the project will be totally completed and the implementer of the project.e.g City of Johannesburg, Gauteng Province sector etc. please provide a corridor total and grand total.

Answer

Details of capital projects implemented by Gauteng government is contained in the Estimates of Capital Expenditure a copy of is attached.

Question 3

For projects to be implemented by government, please indicate, by level of government, the total value of projects to be implemented by that level, what percentage of that budget has already been provided for in approved budgets and what percentage of that budget needs to be provided for in future budgets yet to be approved; and.

Answer

Please see answer (2) above.

Question 4

For projects to be implemented by the private sector, please indicate the value of all projects per development corridor with a grand total.

Answer

The private sector led projects which we are aware of at this stage are contained in the state of the Province Address by Honourable Premier Mr. David Makhura a copy of this speech is attached.

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Response to Question FN013

With regard to the awarding of off site data migration service to Telkom would the MEC please indicate:

Question 1

Whether this project went out to tender;

Answer

Yes, tender (TGT/GDF/43/2011).

Question 2

If not, why not

Answer

N/A

Question 3

If so, what were the specifications of the tender;

Answer

The specification was to provide a fully managed GPG data centre with disaster recovery as an "infrastructure service". To provide technology support and disaster recovery service to Gauteng Provincial Government.

Question 4

What were the other bids (please indicate the names and company registration numbers of the other bidders, along with the rand amount of their bids);

Answer

Nine (09) bids were received of which four were eliminated due to non-compliance with mandatory requirements. The remaining five were subject to technical evaluation and two of them made the technical threshold of 75 percent.

Company name	Registration Number	Rand Value
TELKOM SA Ltd	1991/005476/06	R 65 960, 909.00
Vodacom PTY Ltd	1993/005461/06	R 132 315, 120.30

Question 5

Why was Telkom selected (Please indicate the score that Telkom received from the Bid Adjudication Committee, along with the weighting of the evaluation);

Answer

Telkom was selected because they obtained the highest score on total points as illustrated in the table below:

Name	B-BBEE level of contribution	Points allocated out of 10	Price	Lowest price	Price Points	Total Points
Telkom SA	4	5	R 65 960, 909.00	R 65 960, 909.00	90.00	95.00
Vodacom	4	5	R 132 315, 120.30	R 65 960, 909.00	-0.54	4.46

Question 6

When will the project commence;

Answer

The Fully Managed Data Centre project Phase 1 commenced in February 2013
Phase 2 of the project which included data replication to the secondary Data Centre commenced in October 2013

Question 7

When will the project be concluded;

Answer

Phase 1 was completed in October 2013.
Phase 2 was completed in March 2014.

Question 8

What is the total estimated cost of the project;

Answer

The project cost was R65 960,909

Question 9

What back-up systems are being used in the interim;

Answer

There is no interim back system put in place, as phase 02 of the project is complete.

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Response to Question FN014

With regard to valid degrees and qualifications audits in the Department of Finance and Provincial Treasury could the MEC please indicate:

Question 1

Whether the Department Finance and Treasury have conducted checks and/or audits to determine whether employees have valid qualifications, which they claim to have in the 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/2015 financial years respectively;

Answer

Existing regulatory frameworks require the department to verify and validate qualifications of successful candidates prior to appointment. Since 2010 approximately 120 employees were newly appointed or promoted. Qualification verifications and criminal checks for all employees were concluded.

Question 2

If yes to 1, please indicate how many employees were found to have falsified their qualifications, or claimed or claimed to have qualifications which could not be verified or which were not from accredited institutions;

Answer

None of the newly appointed employees were found to have falsified their qualifications.

Question 3

The name and position of each employee found in 2;

Answer

N/A

Question 4

What action was taken by the Department and the Treasury in the case of each employee found in 2;

Answer

N/A

Question 5

If no, to 1, then why not, and what steps are being taken to ensure that all employees have accredited qualifications, which they claim to have and which are a requirement for their position;

Answer

Please see answer (1) above.

Gauteng Treasury

Question 1

Whether the Gauteng Provincial Treasury (GPT) have conducted checks and /or audits to determine whether employees have valid qualifications which they claim to have, in the 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years respectively.

Answer

- ✓ The Gauteng Provincial Treasury was a business unit within Gauteng Department of Finance during the 2010/11 and 2011/12 financial years. GPT will commence with a project during the second quarter of the 2015/16 financial year to verify and validate qualification and criminal checks for employees employed prior to 1st April 2012.
- ✓ For the financial years 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 all qualifications and criminal checks was done as part of recruitment processes, employees were not promoted or appointed without verified records. For the past 3 years, no official was appointed or promoted unless their qualification and references were verified and validated.

Questions 2

If yes to (i), then indicate how many employees were found to have falsified their qualifications, or claimed to have qualifications which could not be verified or which were not from accredited institutions;

Answer

None

Question 3

The name and position of each employee found in (ii);

Answer

Not applicable.

Question 4

What action was taken by the Department and the Treasury in the case of each employee found in (ii);

Answer

Not applicable

Question 5

If no to (i), then why not and what steps are being taken to ensure that all employees have accredited qualifications which they claim to have and which are a requirement for their positions?

Answer

Please see answer (1) above.

Regards



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