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Mr P Mey (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) Whether her Department awarded any tenders connected to the Covid-19 pandemic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) are the names of the businesses to whom these tenders were awarded, (b) are the amounts of each tender awarded and (c) was the service and/or product to be supplied by each business;
- (2) whether there was any deviation from the standard supply chain management procedures in the awarding of the tenders; if so, (a) why and (b) what are the relevant details in each case;
- (3) what was the reason for which each specified business was awarded the specified tender; and
- (4) whether she will make a statement on the matter?

932. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

(1) Yes, the Department awarded tenders connected to the COVID-19 pandemic as follows:

(a) Names of the businesses/Service Providers	(b) Amounts R'000	(c) Service provided
Multisurge Pty Ltd, Promed	R1 008 780	1900 x (box of 50) masks surgical face standard and 57 x digital body infrared thermometers.

Promed Technologies (Pty) Ltd	R45 000	5 litres x 500 bottle disinfectant
Kanga Business Management	R494 500	3500 Alcohol gel hand sanitisers and 250 boxes of surgical masks
Orange Juice Investment (Pty) Ltd T/A X-Treme Cleaning Solutions	R138 500	Disinfecting, sanitisation and fogging of Foretrust building.

- (2) Yes, there was a deviation from the standard supply chain management procedures. The Department utilised the Instruction Note 3 of 2016/17, paragraph 8.2, which states that 'An emergency procurement may occur when there is a serious and unexpected situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life, property or environment which calls an urgency to action and there is insufficient time to invite competitive bids'; as well as Instruction Note 5 of 2020/21 Emergency Procurement in response to National State of Disaster.
 - (a) The Department received a case of an official who was infected with COVID-19 and, as a result, the Department had to disinfect the building as a matter of emergency.
 - (b) The Department approached four service providers to submit quotations on an emergency basis, and an order was issued to Orange Juice Investment Pty Ltd T/A X-Treme Cleaning Solutions as they submitted a quotation that met the Department specifications.
- (3) The reason for which each specified business was awarded the specified tender:

The Service Providers, as listed below, submitted quotations that met the Department procurement specifications and RTCOVID19-004 specifications as issued by National Treasury.

Names of the businesses/Service Providers	
Multisurge (Pty) Ltd, Promed	 Standard surgical face masks to be given to officials and visitors entering the building for protection against COVID-19. Body thermometers infrared for the screening of officials and visitors when entering the Department.
Promed Technologies (Pty) Ltd	Disinfectant for the cleaning of surfaces in the building.
Kanga Business Management	Alcohol gel hand sanitisers and surgical masks for the sanitising of hands and protection from the COVID-19 infection of officials and visitors

Names of the businesses/Service Providers	
	entering the building.
Orange Juice Investment Pty Ltd T/A X-Treme	Emergency sanitisation and fogging of Foretrust
Cleaning Solutions	building.

4. The regulations on how departments must respond to COVID-19 have been widely publicised by the various government departments.

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MS B D CREECY, MP MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT DATE: 6.6.6.