

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE

DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

NO	QUESTION PAPER LIMPOPO LEGISLATURE	PROGRESS
Q27-2025	1 When did RAL or the department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure decide to draft a list of preferred contractors? What was/ were the reason(s) for such a list?	LDPWRI Responses ✓ The Department took a decision to have a framework of contractors/database during the 2022/23 financial year RAL Responses
		✓ RAL decided to establish the panel of contractors and consultants in 2020/21 financial year. The panels were created to streamline the procurement process and ensure that the entity spent its entire budget allocation without a need to advertise bids with every road construction project.
	2 Provide a list of the preferred contractors?	RAL Responses ■ Attached (Annexure A and Annexure B) are Lists of the Contractors and Consultants that were appointed into the panels (preferred contractors).

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		LDPWRI Responses
		 See attached Annexure C (Categories A,B and C list of preferred contractors as awarded).
		 See Database Framework under Annexure D (DPWRI)
	3 Please provide a list of contracts? And	RAL Responses
	3.1 the amounts allocated to each preferred contractor from the beginning of the existence of the list?	Attached (Annexure E) is the List of Contractors and Consultants appointed since the inception of the panel including, the contract value
		LDPWRI Responses
		3.1 The above list as per response number 2 were appointed without specific contract values, the Department have the approved SOP guiding the Procurement process for specific project wherein all appointed contractors for a specific category are given an opportunity to compete on price and specific goals.
	4 How many of these contractors did not comply with the start date and completion date of the said contracts?	RAL Responses ✓ 182 did not comply with the agreed completion dates of their
		contracts.
	4.1 indicate which contracts? were there was/were any consequences?	✓ Since the establishment of the panels, a total of 601 contractors and consultants have been appointed. Of these, 182 failed to complete their projects within the agreed timelines.

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		✓ One contractor's contract was terminated due to poor performance,
		while several others received warning letters for similar issues.
		LDPWRI Responses
		1. Phalalang business enterprise (Category A on Construction of
		Kitchen / Canteen in Thohoyandou Traffic College)
		2. Tongama (Category B on Construction of Tshaulu Library)
	5 How many of the contractors were blacklisted because of non-performance.	RAL Responses
	·	✓ None of the contractors were backlisted
		LDPWRI Responses
		 Only one Service Provider has been restricted while the other one
		is in process.
	6 What are the consequences of this preferred	The supply chain management regulations allow the entities and
	contractors list? And	departments to establish the panel of service providers. As such, there are no negative compliance consequences of establishing the panels provided the panels are established in compliance with the supply chain regulations and the entity's supply chain
		management policies.

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	6.1 Has the Auditor General (AGSA) expressed	6.1
	an opinion in this regard?	 RAL Responses AGSA has audited the panel of contractors and consultants. They were satisfied with how both panels were established. The finding of the AGSA centred around the appointment of contractors, consecutively to more than one project while others on the panel were not allocated project/s, which was considered to not satisfy the fairness principle. LDPWRI Responses
	6.2 Did the DPWRI and RAL adhere to the recommendations of the AGSA? And If not, why not?	 No opinion expressed to date and no irregular expenditure recorded 6.2 RAL Responses RAL adhere to the recommendation of the AGSA to some extent. The contractors were not completely rotated due to the fact that the entity split the roads into phases when making initial appointment of the contractors. Once the first phase was completed, the next construction phase commenced. A complete rotation of the contractors would have meant that a different contractor be appointed into the next phase. However, due to the high site establishment costs that come with new site establishment, the entity attempted to reduce the site establishment costs by appointing the same contractor in the next phase.

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		LDPWRI Responses No findings and no opinion as responded in 6.1