TO: **THE MINISTER**



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| **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION NO. 2220 (Written) Mrs M O Clarke (DA) ASKED THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE** |

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**INTERNAL MEMORANDUM**

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| **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION NO. 2220 (WRITTEN) Mrs M O Clarke (DA) ASKED THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS**  (a) What is the status of the 30-day payment within the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure;  (b) who are the suppliers that have not been paid within 30 days; and  (c) what is the value of the non-payments? **NW2789E** |

The attached draft reply to Question 2220(Written) is submitted for your consideration.

The input has been provided by the Finance Business Unit.

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**MR. M SITHOLE**

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

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**MS. N KIVIET, MP**

**DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

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**MS. P DE LILLE, MP**

**MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 2220 [NW2789E]**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO.: 36**

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**DATE OF REPLY: 14 OCTOBER 2020**

**2220. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

(a) What is the status of the 30-day payment within the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure;

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**REPLY:**

**2220.**

1. Payment of invoices to suppliers and service providers remains a key deliverable for this administration and the Ministry. Weekly reports are provided to the Ministry on all invoices older than 30 days for intervention. Furthermore, there are weekly meetings between Head Office and its Regional Offices to monitor and track progress on all outstanding invoices and those that will exceed 30 days in the next 15 days. The Department has been on an upward trajectory of settling invoices within 30 days due to the intervention mentioned. Disciplinary actions are taken against officials whose action or inaction contributes towards invoices being delayed and eventually paid beyond the 30 days prescribed period.

The impact of closure of various offices, officials having to isolate due to exposure, among others, at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic has at times made achieving this target difficult. However, officials of the Department continued to discharge their responsibilities to ensure that all valid invoices are paid within 30 days notwithstanding the said challenges. As at end September 2020, the Property Management Trading Entity (PMTE) had 122 unpaid invoices with a value of R40 020 440,58 that had exceeded 30 days. The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure’s Main Vote on the hand had 6 unpaid invoices with a value R456 110,94that had exceeded 30 days.

As at 15 October 2020, out of 122 unpaid invoices in PMTE, 15 invoices with a value of R1 300 992,46 have since been paid, while 26 invoices were rejected and returned to the service providers for various reasons. Out of 6 unpaid invoices in DWPI’s Main Vote, four (4) of those unpaid invoices with a total value of R453 248,58 have since been paid.

1. A list of suppliers who have not been paid within 30 days as at end September 2020 is enclosed as **Annexure A**.
2. The value of non-payments in PMTE is R40,020,440, while for DPWI’s Main Vote is R456 110,94. **Annexure A**

**The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**