National Assembly

Question No. 2003

2003. Mr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

- (1) What are the relevant details of the breakdown of the payments to e-tag procurement from third parties with regard to the (a) names of the third parties, (b) payments received and (c) relevant service and/or obligation in each case;
- (2) what is the annual breakdown of payments towards invoice printing and posting for e-toll collection in each year since its inception;
- (3) what are the details of the kiosk rental agreement with regard to the (a) amount per unit, (b) number of units and (c) beneficiary or beneficiaries within the current e-toll structure?

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1) E-tag procurement from third parties:

a) Names of third parties:

The parties that were contracted for the provision and maintenance of e-tags were:

- Kapsch Trafficom AB Sweden;
- Q-Free ASA Norway.

b) Payments received:

The above parties have received the following payments for e-tag's provided:

- Kapsch Trafficom AB: R167 220 930.96 (Excl VAT)
- Q-Free ASA: R58 317 748.41 (Excl VAT)

c) Relevant service and/or obligation:

The above parties were contracted for the supply and maintenance of e-tags in accordance with SANRAL specifications and in accordance with the required specifications of an international CEN-278 standard. The e-tags were procured in batches in accordance with demand in terms of the e-toll registration for the GFIP project and for the conventional toll plazas country wide.

2) Payments towards invoice printing and posting:

The annual breakdown of payments towards invoice printing and posting for e-toll collection as per SARS and AARTO requirements is as follows (excl VAT):

• 3 December 2013 to 31 December 2014: R124 635 007.73

- 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015: R58 422 869.55
- 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016: R112 289 632.03
- 1 January 2017 to May 2017: R32 043 385.45

3) Kiosk rental:

a) Amount per unit:

The amount per unit differs between "temporary" kiosks and "permanent" kiosks, and from shopping mall to shopping mall, depending also on kiosk floor area.

- The monthly rental for a temporary kiosk currently ranges between R7 000 and R22 680 per month (excl VAT).
- The monthly rental for a permanent kiosk ranges between R15 226.09 and R78 797.24 per month (excl VAT).

b) Number of units:

- There are currently five temporary kiosks in operation.
- There are currently 17 permanent kiosks in operation.

c) Beneficiary or beneficiaries within the current e-toll structure:

There are no beneficiaries from kiosk rental within the e-toll structure (i.e. the e-toll Operator - ETC). The kiosks are rented from the various owners of the shopping malls. ETC receive 2.5% of the rental for arranging and managing the rental agreements in terms of their contract. This percentage was tendered by ETC as part of the competitive tender for this contract.