

864. Mr J P J Botha to ask the Premier:

Concerning the (Have I Been Paid Eastern Cape) HIBPEC web-based online invoice enquiry application to expedite the payment of service providers in the province:

Question	Response
(1) Whether he can kindly outline the current state of implementation of the the aforementioned application;	Provincial Treasury has fully implemented the usage of the Have I Been Paid (HIBP) System, as the remaining departments (utilising LOGIS) were engaged by having one-on-one sessions during March 2020.
(2) how many companies and government departments are (a) connected to the application and (b) making use of its features;	(a) All provincial departments have access to the HIBP System and all suppliers that need the services of the System are able to access it online. As at 3 November 2020, the System statistics show that there were 3 807 visits and 9 153 searches.
(3) whether he can kindly outline what effect the application has had, if any, on the payment of Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs);	The following are the effect of the system on SMMEs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suppliers are able to track their submitted invoices and follow-up with departments when there are delays.• Built in the system is the complaints procedure, which guides suppliers on when to escalate their queries up to the level of engaging PT (Customer Services Desk) to follow-up with departments on their non-payments.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system is also accessible through laptops and cellphones, wherein suppliers can have access to the system at their comfort and convenience. 																																																																
<p>(4) (a) how much has his Office spent, to date, on the implementation of the application, (b) how many invoices are currently outstanding across the departments and (c) what is the value of the unpaid invoices as at the latest specified date for which information is available?</p>	<p>(a) The System was developed in-house and nothing was spent on the implementation of the application except for normal employees' salaries.</p> <p>(b) There are 11 184 invoices not paid that exceeded 30 days' payment period as at end September 2020.</p> <p>(c) The rand value of unpaid invoices that exceeded 30 days is R2 072 962 044.00 as tabulated in the schedule below;</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="501 909 1409 1877"> <thead> <tr> <th>POVINCIAL DEPARTMENT (S)</th> <th>NUMBER OF INVOICES OLDER THAN 30 DAYS NOT PAID</th> <th>RAND VALUE OF INVOICES NOT PAID OLDER THAN 30 DAYS</th> <th>REASONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF INVOICES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>OFFICE OF THE PREMIER</td> <td>0</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>No outstanding invoices per signed submission</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE</td> <td>0</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>No outstanding invoices per signed submission</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HEALTH</td> <td>10 854</td> <td>1 942 574 678.00</td> <td>Insufficient Funds(Medico Legal & Department of Justice over Billion rands) supplier banking details on invoice differ from CSD, change of supplier banking details, System closed for authorisation due to Covied 19, incorrect banking details on invoice.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</td> <td>93</td> <td>2 064 669.88</td> <td>non recommitment of Accruals .</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PUBLIC WORKS</td> <td>0</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>No outstanding invoices per signed submission</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BASIC EDUCATION</td> <td>130</td> <td>122 003 143.00</td> <td>Change of banking details, late submission of invoices,incorrect billing by suppliers and dispute about the rates, budget shifting requests coming after the budget has been loaded and locked.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COGTA</td> <td>0</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>No outstanding invoices per signed submission</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DRDAR</td> <td>4</td> <td>124 174.00</td> <td>Incorrect invoices submitted by Service Providers. 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