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1105 MR JRB Lorimer (DA) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:

- (1) (a) What are the (i) yearly rental and (ii) floor space of the (aa) current and (bb) previous premises occupied by her department's head office and (b) when (i) was the current building occupied and (ii) does the current lease expire;**
- (2) Whether her department publicly invited tenders prior to the leasing of the current premises; if not; why not; if so, (a) when, (b) where was it published and (c) which (i) companies and (ii) properties were shortlisted;**
- (3) What (a) floor space was offered and (b) annual rental was tendered (i) by each shortlisted company and (ii) with regard to each shortlisted property?**

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- (1) (a)(i) The yearly rent was R853 079. The Department of Public Works (DPW) will be giving us a new rate soon since the title deed has been transferred to them in March 2012.**
- (ii) (aa) The floor space 18 000 square meter.**
 - (bb) The previous space cannot be determined as it was for both DAC and DST.**
- b (i) The current building was occupied in 2006.**

- (ii) The current lease does not expire since the building is owned by government.
- (2) The Department was not involved in the tendering of the construction of the building therefore the above questions do not apply.
- (3) (a) Not applicable.
 - (b) (i) Not applicable.
 - (ii) Not applicable.