

**Number: 41**  
**Date: 10.11.2010**

**GAUTENG PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE**

---

---

**REPLY**

---

---

**INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

---

---

**SUBJECT: REPLY TO A QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**  
**From: THE MEC FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**  
**To: ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE (MPLS)**  
**Reference: QUESTION 5.INF041**



**OFFICE OF THE MEC / IHHOVISI LIKA MEC  
KANTOOR VAN DIE LUR / KANTORO YA MEC**

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHUKISWA KWEZINQALASIZINDA

DEPARTEMENT VIR INFRASTRUKTUUR ONTWIKKELING

LEFAPHA LA MAFARATLHATLHA LE DITHLABOLOLO

Enquiry: Mr Levi Mashabela  
Tel: 011 355 5459

Mr VRP Skosana  
Legislature Building  
Private Bag X52  
Johannesburg  
2000

**RE: QUESTION POSED BY THE LEGISLATURE INF041**

**5. INF041** With regard to work by Combustion Technology (Pty) Ltd/TR Mechanicals cc on conversion of boilers at the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital as per Tender GC1739/10/2007, will the MEC please indicate:

- (i) What problems have been experienced in this work;

**Response**

Major problems experienced were commissioning on diesel and gas connections.

- (ii) What accounts for any delays in this project;

**Response**

There has been a few changes with regards to the scope of work of the project.

- (iii) What is the total value of this contract;

**Response**

R13 471 210.14.

- (iv) How much is owing to Combustion Technology;

**Response**

The Department does not have a contract with Combustion Technology. Combustion Technology has/had relations with main contractor TR Mechanicals.

- (v) Whether allegations of fraud by Combustion Technology have been brought to the attention of the department;

**Response**

Yes, the matter was brought to the attention of the Department by Mr Michael Hoskins.

- (vi) If so, what action has been taken in connection with these allegations;

**Response**

The matter is still under investigation, and as soon as the investigation is concluded action will be taken based on the recommendations.

- (vii) What action has been taken with regard to the employee who it is alleged compiled fraudulent invoices (name supplied below under separate cover);

**Response**

The matter is still under investigation.

- (viii) If not why not;

**Response**

The matter is still under investigation.

- (ix) What is the assessed risk that boilers at the hospital will fail due to ceased maintenance by the supplier; and

**Response**

Specifications were developed which indicated all requirements for the boilers and operational needs. As per the contract there is a latent and patent defect period and therefore any problem that may arise will be dealt with as per the contract.

Please note: there are four boilers and hence there is one stand by boiler.

- (x) What steps are being taken to pay the supplier and ensure that the boilers are optimally functioning;

**Response**

Claims are valued as per normal project process and certified for payment, as per the work done.

Projects were programmed and rolled out in a manner ensuring that at no given time hospital would be compromised.

Yours Sincerely,



Ms. M. Modipa

HOD: Department of Infrastructure Development

Date: 2010/11/08



Mr. B. Nkosi

MEC: Department of Infrastructure Development

Date: 2010/11/09