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Dear Mr. Staphorst

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DST, CSIR AND TENET

Your e-mail dated 28 May 2015 has reference.

Your e-mail requests our office to advise colleges on how to evaluate and accept proposal for the provision of internet and data network services from the South African National Research and Education Network (SANREN).

Your e-mail further indicates that the price charged to an education or research institution for using SANREN to move data cross-country is approximately 100 times lower than the price for an equivalent service offered.

Section 217 of the Constitution states that when organ of state, provincial or local sphere of government or any other institution identified in national legislation, contract for goods or services, it must do so in accordance with a system which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective.

If the rates charged by SANREN are cheaper than the rates charged by the private sector, it is therefore optimum for colleges to procure internet and data network services from them.

There is nothing in law that prevent colleges from requesting proposal from SANREN and engaging it to provide internet and data network services if it is in the best interest of the institution.

Do not hesitate to contact our office if you need further clarification.

Kind regards.

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