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Ms L V James (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

(a) What number of (i) financial, (ii) forensic and/or (iii) other investigations that were commissioned by his department have been completed since 1 April 2013 and (b) in each case, what are the relevant details on the (i) investigation including a synopsis of the facts and findings of each case, (ii) persons or third parties responsible for each investigation, (iii) total cost to date of each investigation and (iv) appropriate steps taken against officials and third parties implicated of wrongdoing in the findings of the investigations?

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REPLY:

(a)

- (i) & (ii) 15 forensic and financial investigations have been completed.
(iii) None.

(b)

- (i) The following facts and findings are consistent in all the reports:
- Non-compliance with the conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement; and
 - Inaccurate reporting on the status of projects.

(ii) **KPMG** conducted forensic and financial investigation of the following projects:

- Limpopo Province – Tshakuma Heritage and Conference Centre;
- Eastern Cape Province – Wild Coast Tourism Development;
- KwaZulu-Natal – King Matiwane; and
- Free State and Northern Cape Province training projects.

SizweNtsalubaGobodo conducted forensic and financial investigation of the following projects:

- **Lake Gariep and PKJ Le Roux Dam** – Development of picnic facilities at the Van der Kloof Dam, upgrading of infrastructure at the Gariep Resort, Route signage for five towns (Bethulile, Oviston, Gariep, Venterstad and Colesberg).
- **Lake Gariep Development Project** – Construction of a Tourism information Centre at Bethulile.
- **Motherwell ECO Tourism Development Project (Phase 1&2)** – Construction of a multipurpose environmental education centre and tourism information unit, establishment of a hiking trail in the Swartkops Nature Reserve and construction of an environmental hub additional to the environmental centre.
- **Rock Art Tourism Development Project (Phase 1&2)** – Establishment of an information and interpretation centre in Joubertina and a rock art tourist hiking route in the area.
- **Guest House Building in Qwaqwa** – Site works, construction of a 32 bed guest house, main building, access road, staff accommodation and install furniture.
- **Information and Business Centre Projects** – Construction of administration offices, conference room, internet cafe and ablutions facilities.
- **Mnisi Resort Project** – Establishment of accommodation facility, landscaping, create picnic facilities, and bulk infrastructure.
- **Vha Tsonga Cultural Village Project (Phase 1&2)** – Construction of six chalets, supporting amenities to the accommodation inclusive of kitchen, restaurant, entertainment and reception as well as providing water reticulation to the resort.

(iii)

- Limpopo Province - Tshakuma Heritage and Conference Centre **R1,201,861.74;**
- Eastern Cape Province - Wild Coast Tourism Development - **R378 396.78;**
- KwaZulu-Natal - King Matiwane Village - **R378 396.78;** and
- Free State and Northern Cape Province training projects – **R422 560.38**

The investigation of the following projects in total amounted to **R1, 211,316.00**

- Lake Gariep and PKJ Le Roux Dam.
- Lake Gariep Development Project.
- Motherwell ECO Tourism Development Project.
- Rock Art Tourism Development Project.

- Guest House Building in Qwaqwa.
- Information and Business Centre Projects.
- Mnisi Resort Project.
- Vha Tsonga Cultural Village Project.

(iv)

- Limpopo Province – Tshakuma Heritage and Conference Centre – the case is in court for prosecution;
- Eastern Cape Province – Wild Coast Tourism Development – the case is with the SAPS for further investigation;
- KwaZulu-Natal – King Matiwane Village - the case is with the SAPS for further investigation;
- Free State and Northern Cape Province straining projects - the case is with the SAPS for further investigation;

The following financial and forensic investigation reports were submitted to the Internal Audit unit of the department during March 2015 and are going through internal process in preparation for the Accounting Officer to consider the findings and recommendations.

- Lake Gariep and PKJ Le Roux Dam;
- Lake Gariep Development Project;
- Motherwell ECO Tourism Development Project;
- Rock Art Tourism Development Project;
- Guest House Building in Qwaqwa;
- Information and Business Centre Projects;
- Mnisi Resort Project; and
- Vha Tsonga Cultural Village Project.