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“MR J VOS (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF TOURISM:

- (1) Why was the Portfolio Committee on Tourism not informed about this year’s Lilizela Tourism Awards ceremony;
- (2) in relation to the panel of judges, what process (a) was followed in selecting each member of the panel and (b) what process do they follow when selecting winners for each of the awards’ categories;
- (3) what was the overall cost for the (a) 2013 and (b) 2014 Lilizela Tourism Awards?”

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REPLY:

- (1) Invitations were submitted to the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Tourism on 10 September 2014.
- (2) (a) During April 2014, adverts were placed in the Sunday Times and the Star calling for judges to join the Lilizela Tourism Awards Adjudication panels as volunteers. 25 applications were received. The Lilizela Steering Committee, composed of representatives from the Provincial Tourism Authorities and chaired by the Chairperson of the Lilizela Tourism Awards, then followed a selection process. This process was audited by Grant Thornton, the appointed independent auditors.

(b) Selection of the Lilizela Tourism Awards is open to any qualifying tourism establishment that is operating within the borders of South Africa. From all the entries, provincial finalists and winners are chosen. These provincial finalists and winners are recognized during the Provincial Awards ceremonies, which are implemented and managed at provincial level under the guidance of the Chairperson of the Lilizela Tourism Awards. The provincial MEC's responsible for Tourism hand over the certificates at the provincial award ceremonies.

National finalists and winners are chosen exclusively from the pool of provincial winners. The national winners are then recognised at a national awards ceremony. Grant Thornton audited the adjudication process.

- (3) (a) 2013: R9 million
- (b) 2014: R6 million (unaudited)