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**Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

With regard to (a) new and (b) reregistered tour guides nationally and in each province, what (i) number of first-time tour guides registered (aa) nationally and (bb) in each province in (aaa) the past three financial years and (bbb) the current financial year to date and (ii) were the categories of tour guides respectively? NW2180E

**REPLY:**

According to Chapter 6 of the Tourism Act, no. 3 of 2014 (Act), the role of the National Registrar is amongst others, to maintaining a central database of tourist guides registered by the Provincial Registrars. The registration of tourist guides takes place at provincial level by Provincial Registrars. On a monthly basis, Provincial Registrars, as a legal requirement submit their monthly statistics to the National Registrar as well as the number of renewals processed that month. This is consolidated by the Department in the National Register /database in order to report on areas such as the total number of guides registered by race, gender and province. The statistics below are based on the information submitted to the Department by Provinces.

1. **New tourist guides**

(i) (aa) What number of first-time tour guides registered **nationally**.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(aaa) 2019-2020** | **(aaa) 2020-2021** | **(aaa) 2021-2022** | **(bbb) 2022 to date** |
| 1437 | 480 | 477 | 40 |

(i) (bb) What number of first-time tourist guides registered in **each province**.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Province** | **(aaa)**  **2019 - 2020** | **(aaa)**  **2020 - 2021** | **(aaa)**  **2021 - 2022** | **(bbb)**  **2022 (April only)** |
| **Eastern Cape** | 89 | 44 | 25 | 02 |
| **Free State** | 0 | 10 | 00 | 00 |
| **Gauteng** | 167 | 28 | 29 | 01 |
| **KwaZulu-Natal** | 158 | 78 | 79 | 23 |
| **Limpopo** | 179 | 73 | 112 | 06 |
| **Mpumalanga** | 138 | 76 | 101 | 07 |
| **Northern Cape** | 11 | 37 | 00 | 00 |
| **North West** | 16 | 23 | 40 | 01 |
| **Western Cape** | 679 | 111 | 91 | 06 |
| **TOTAL** | **1437** | **480** | **477** | **46** |

(ii) **What were the categories of tour guides, respectively**.

The categories of tourist guides vary and may include, Culture, Nature and/or Adventure guides. Provincial Registrars will have to be contacted to obtain specific information related to the categories of guides that were registered during the period in question.

1. **Re-registered tourist guides**

(i) (aa) What number of re-registered tour guides registered **nationally**.

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| **(aaa) 2019-2020** | **(aaa) 2020-2021** | **(aaa) 2021-2022** | **(bbb) 2022 to date** |
| 1662 | 852 | 1320 | 67 |

(i) (bb) What number of re-registered tour guides registered in **each province**.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Province** | **(aaa)**  **2019 - 2020** | **(aaa)**  **2020 - 2021** | **(aaa)**  **2021 - 2022** | **(bbb)**  **2022 (April only)** |
| **Eastern Cape** | 71 | 56 | 61 | 04 |
| **Free State** | 4 | 01 | 00 | 00 |
| **Gauteng** | 262 | 85 | 190 | 17 |
| **KwaZulu-Natal** | 101 | 117 | 114 | 06 |
| **Limpopo** | 127 | 116 | 84 | 10 |
| **Mpumalanga** | 190 | 111 | 336 | 27 |
| **Northern Cape** | 3 | 10 | 15 | 00 |
| **North West** | 42 | 24 | 50 | 03 |
| **Western Cape** | 862 | 332 | 470 | 54 |
| **TOTAL** | **1662** | **852** | **1320** | **121** |

(ii) **What were the categories of tourist guides, respectively.**

The categories of tourist guides vary and may include, Culture, Nature and/or Adventure guides. Provincial Registrars will have to be contacted to obtain specific information related to the categories of guides that were registered during the period in question.