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**QUESTION 1874**

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**1874. Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. With reference to the Cathedral Peak Outgrowers Project in the Okhahlamba Local Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal, what are the details of all (a) government and (b) private persons and/or entities who (i) are currently participants in the project and (ii) have been participants in the project since its inception;
2. what are details of all contributions made to the project by each (a) government and (b) private person and/or entity;
3. what are details of any payments made to any persons and/or entities involved in the project;

(4) what are details of all (a) consultants who are and/or have been involved in the project and (b) the services that they rendered? **NW2210E**

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT:**

1. The tables below lists the stakeholders in the project and their participation over the years: (a) refers to government stakeholders and (b) to private person/ entities:

| **(a) Name of Govt Stakeholder** | **Years in Participation** |
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| **2015/16** | **2016/17** | **2017/18** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** |
| (a) KZN-COGTA | Project Steering Committee | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Project implementing | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| Project Funding | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | N |
| (a) KZN-DARD | Project Steering Committee | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Project implementing | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| Project Funding | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N |
| (a) KZN-ADA | Project Steering Committee | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Project implementing | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Project Funding | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| (a) Okhahlamba Local Municipality  | Project Steering Committee | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |

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|  | Project implementing | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
|  | Project Funding | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| (a) KZN-EDTEA | Project Steering Committee | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N |
|  | Project implementing | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
|  | Project Funding | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |

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| **(b) Name of Private Stakeholder** | **Years in Participation** |
| **2015/16** | **2016/17** | **2017/18** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** |
| (b) Grain Hills Agri (Pty) Ltd- (Mentor) | Project Steering Committee | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Project implementing | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N |
| Project Funding | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| (b) Cathedral Peak Wine Estate- (Off taker for Winegrape’s) | Project Steering Committee | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Project implementing | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| Project Funding | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| (b) Beneficiaries (the Cooperatives in each site)  | Project Steering Committee | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Project implementing | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Project Funding | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| (b) Traditional Council Representatives | Project Steering Committee | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Project implementing | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| Project Funding | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |

(2)(a) The project in its entirety was an initiative of the **Okhahlamba Local Municipality**, with its concept and business plan used to source initial funding from **COGTA.** Funding was approved by COGTA for commencement with implementation in the 2015/16 financial year. COGTA therefore provided project initiation funding and could not fund the project beyond the first two years of implementation.

COGTA then effectively contributed 14% of the total project funding until year two of implementation.

At that time of funding approval, the KZN Provincial **Agribusiness Development Agency** (ADA) was appointed as the project implementing agent for the project on this site which was in the 2015/16 financial year.

The ADA is a provincial entity of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) which implements commercial agribusiness projects for the department. The DARD through ADA, continued to fund the project from 2018/19 until 2020/21 when project review indicated that the project would not be sustainable without perpetual government support based on possible income expected from the wine grapes. The DARD then effectively contributed 86% of the total project funding until year five of implementation.

The ADA further appointed **Grain Hills Agri (Pty) Ltd** as mentor to provide overall capacity building and skills transfer to the beneficiaries including production and business management in relation to grapes enterprises.

Market for the wine grapes was secured with **Cathedral Peak Wine Estate,** a wine producer/processor in Winterton.

(b) No funding was received from private persons or entities for this project

1. Please refer to **Annexure A.**
2. (a),(b) Please refer to **Annexure A** which includes details of consultants who are, and/or have been involved in the project and the services that they rendered.