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

(a) How is her department (i) assisting and (ii) involved in (aa) Vilakazi Street in Soweto and (bb) the Liliesleaf Farm heritage sites as tourist attractions, (b) what amount has been budgeted for each place, (c) what amount has been spent on each place in each month (i) in the past three financial years and (ii) since 1 January 2022 and (d) how was the money spent in each case? NW3084E

**REPLY:**

(aa) **Vilakazi Street in Soweto**

(a) (i) Assisting and (ii) involved

* Supported the process to refine the City of Johannesburg’s Vilakazi Street Precinct Plan since 2017.
* Developed architectural designs for one (1) prioritised element on the Vilakazi Street precinct plan, but for ease-of-use in various precincts across the country.
* The scope of the project entailed the development of three (3) sets of architectural solutions for the Canopy/Structure/Shelter for informal traders, public/street market square/space, including restaurant in 2021/2022.
* Initiated implementation of Phase 3a of the Tourism Precinct Methodology for township tourism precincts at Vilakazi Street Precinct in 2022/2023. This project pertains to working with the established Stakeholder Forum to confirm prioritised elements, finalise costing on these elements, confirm the development lead, as well as facilitate budget mobilisation processes and statutory planning processes to implement the project.

(b) Total Amount Budgeted for Vilakazi Street: R442 925.00

(c) (i) Vilakazi Street spend in the past three financial years and (ii) since 1 January 2022

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| (i) 2019-2020 | (i) 2020-2021 | (i) 2021-2022 | (ii) since 1 January 2022 |
| Non-financial support | Non-financial support | R442 925.00 | R243 608.75 |

(d) How was the money spent?

The scope of the project entailed the development of three (3) sets of architectural solutions for the Canopy/Structure/Shelter for informal traders, public/street market square/space, including restaurant in 2021/2022.

(bb) **Lilies Leaf Farm**

1. (i) and (ii) The Department of Tourism is not involved.
2. No budget has been allocated to Liliesleaf.
3. (i) and (ii) Not applicable

(d) Not Applicable