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**Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

a) How are online lectures for tour guides advertised, (b) what was the uptake from 1 January 2022, (c) what are the costs of the online series of lectures in the 2020-21 financial year and (d) what is the budget for the entire lecture series? NW327E

**REPLY:**

1. The online lecture for tourist guides was advertised through the website of the Department of Tourism and on social media platforms. Invitations were also sent to Provincial Registrars to disseminate to tourist guides on their respective registers.
2. About 300 tourist guides attended the live session held on 14 October 2021and about 250 tourist guides streamed the session via YouTube.
3. The Department spent R23 538.46 (excl. VAT) to purchase a webinar licence which was used for all webinars hosted by the Department during the financial year in question, including the webinar platform that was created to host the live lectures. All subject matter experts that delivered the lectures/presentations volunteered their services.
4. The only cost that was incurred for the lecture series was the licencing cost associated with the hosting of webinars.