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1294. Mr H Hendricks to ask the MEC responsible for Education: <i>Regarding pursuance of clarity regarding Khazimla Catering and Khumzi Investments:</i>	
(1) Whether he can kindly provide a full list of all contracts awarded to (a) Khazimla Catering and (b) Khumzi Investments over the past five financial years, including (i) project details and (ii) contract values;	All contracts awarded in the Department are term contracts awarded for a duration of five (5) years. This is in line with the sourcing strategy adopted by the Department as advocated by both National and Provincial Treasury. Most of the contracts in the Department do not have a set value as they are rates based, conditional to budget availability and the needs of the Department. 1. Khazimla Catering was appointed with 55 other companies for hostel catering through a competitive bidding process 1.1. Catering at the MMELI Teacher Development Training Centre was awarded in October 2023. 2. The Department appointed four (4) travel management agencies including Khumzi Investments for the provision of accommodation, meals and transportation. 2.1. Seven (7) Suppliers were appointed for the provision of stationery to schools which expired in 2024 of which Khumzi were amongst the seven (7) Suppliers awarded. Listed hereunder are the contract list and values for contracts awarded to Khazimla Catering and Khumzi Investments respectively: Khazimla Catering: 1. Provision of hostel catering R2,192,338.20 20/21 FY; R852,999.78 21/22 FY; R7,233,594.26 22/23 FY; R16,715,825.02 23/24 FY; R28,402,270.87 24/25 FY;

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	R34,324,776.59 25/26 FY 2. Provision of catering at Mandla Makupula Institute R11 532 107,76 23/24 FY R10 371 480,15 24/25 FY Khumzi Investments: 1. Provision of travel and accommodation R211,811,425.22 21/22 FY; R430,030,146.09 22/23 FY; R685,691,779.15 23/24 FY; R917,003,384.64 24/25 FY; R1,170,961,943.54 25/26 FY 2. Provision of LTSM to schools R20,540,447.46 21/22 FY; R64,299,584.29 22/23 FY; R111,356,050.28 23/24 FY; R146,715,350.37 24/25 FY 3. Provision of technical equipment R35,554,614.75 21/22 FY; R49,091,542.22 22/23 FY; R50,923,798.42 23/24 FY; R3,000,000.00 24/25 FY; R55,758,094.75 25/26 FY
(2) whether he can kindly confirm if all contracts awarded to these entities followed proper procurement procedures in line with the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) Act No. 1 of 1999) and National Treasury Regulations; if not, why;	The awarding of contracts in the Department adheres to competitive bidding processes and proper procurement procedures in alignment with the provisions of Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) Act No. 1 of 1999) and National Treasury Regulations and in accordance Section 217 of the Constitution. <i>All the contracts prior to award are subjected to scrutiny by Provincial Treasury and validation</i>

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	<i>to ensure that necessary procurement processes are duly followed before making an award.</i>
(3) whether he can kindly indicate if any payments to these entities are currently (i) disputed, (ii) delayed or (iii) flagged as irregular expenditure; if so, can he kindly provide details including amounts and related projects;	No payments are currently disputed or flagged as irregular expenditure. However, there are delays in payments due to the financial constraints within the department wherein payments are made late or delayed.
(4) whether he can kindly clarify if any internal investigations or audits have been conducted into Khazimla Catering and Khumzi Investments regarding potential irregularities, conflicts of interest or collusive practices in their engagements with his Department; if so, can he kindly provide the (i) findings, (ii) actions taken and any (iii) officials implicated?	There are no internal investigations conducted into Khazimla Catering and Khumzi Investments regarding potential irregularities, conflicts of interest or collusive practices in their engagements with the Department.



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