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QUESTION 375

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Mr J F Smalle (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) Which companies received the tender for textbooks aligned to the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) for grades 4, 5, 6 and 11 in Limpopo in 2013;
- (2) (a) what was the tender value paid, (b) for what period was the tender awarded and (c) were the companies BEE-compliant;
- (3) was the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, regulations and supply chain management procedure followed? NW522E

REPLY:

- (1) The provision of the CAPS aligned textbooks for grade 4-6 and 11 followed a process of direct procurement from publishers listed on the National Catalogue and not through any company.
- (2) (a) The Unit price of each textbook was predetermined on the National Catalogue. Through further negotiations with publishers the LDoE was able to further derive cost savings on orders.

(b) and (c) Procurement of textbooks was for the 2013 school calendar year and was procured from publishers listed on the National Catalogue.
- (3) By the process of applying the National Catalogue and further direct negotiations with publishers, the province was fully compliant with SCM processes and is not time bound.

