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Limpopo Provincial Treasury wins the 2011 Annual Golden Key Awards Competition as the Best overall institution and the Best Deputy Information Officer in South Africa.

The MEC for Limpopo Provincial Treasury Mr. David Masondo congratulated Records Management and Auxiliary Services Directorate for this important national achievement, the 2011 Golden Key Awards competitions on Tuesday afternoon. These awards are held annually during September. The National Information Officers' Forum, South African Human Rights Commission and Open Democracy Advice Centre (ODAC) nominate different institutions to participate with a view to assess compliance on Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA) and Records Management by all Public bodies in South Africa.

"We reiterate that you are putting us on the map. We are very proud of you and this achievement belongs to people of the Limpopo province. You competed the best in the country and you came out the best of them all". Masondo said. According to MEC Masondo, we should not only complain when things are not going well and keep quiet when you have done us proud. You deserve the best and work must be rewarded accordingly, he said

Limpopo Provincial Treasury (LPT) and 56 other institutions were nominated to take part in the annual competition. It competed in the Best overall institution, Best Deputy Information Officer (DIO) and Best Media engagement category.

Provincial Treasury received a Request for Information letter and PAIA form from ODAC addressed to the Information Officer who is the Head of Department on the 25th July 2011.

The information that was requested was used to compile an index depicting the state of implementation of PAIA among the selected institutions. This was according to Ms Ndivhuwo Ramuntshi, the senior manager for records management and auxiliary services in Treasury. Ramuntshi was speaking at the Limpopo Treasury building after the MEC congratulated the directorate for the good work.

Ramuntshi said that the Index was based on the analysis of 15 indicators which were divided into the following four categories:

1. Category A: Roadmap (The PAIA Manuals)
2. Category B: Records Management
3. Category C: Internal Mechanisms, and
4. Category D: Resources

The response letters and means of verification were furnished for all the four categories and submitted to Open Democracy Advice Centre on the 22 August 2011 for further processing. The competition is held annually. At least 56 institutions in the public sector were participating and we emerged. Ramuntshi added.

The significance of this competition is to check compliance to Records Management prescripts and Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA) which entails all public institutions to give information to the public upon request following all prescripts.

Mr. Nerulal Ramdharie, Head of Department said that he was over the moon because the award was very important and will stay in the Province for the next coming twelve months and it belongs to the Limpopo Provincial government as a whole. He said that the Department must do everything in its power to keep the award in the Province.

The directorate also received awards both in the department and provincially in the past three years.

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