

# Bell Pottinger clinched R8m SA tender

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UK Public Relations firm Bell Pottinger has received at least one South African government tender, valued at more than R8-million.

The DA has submitted a series of parliamentary questions to government departments questioning whether the PR firm which has been linked to

the Guptas and is credited with starting the “white minority capital” narrative, has received government tenders.

Several departments including Justice, Mineral Resources, Public Works and the Department of Defence and Military veterans have responded in the negative.

However, Tourism Minister Tokozile Xasa indicated in her

response that, while the department itself had not given any tenders to the firm, SA Tourism, one of its entities, had.

Bell Pottinger received a three-year tender from SA Tourism’s UK office in 2014.

It was originally valued at R8.6-million but ended up costing R9.6-million because of exchange rate fluctuations.