



## **SARS takes top honours**

SARS last night scooped several major honours at the inaugural Public Service Excellence Awards, including the Grand Prix Platinum award for Best Reputation.

Other awards SARS received included the Gold award for Overall Effectiveness, the Gold Award for Service Orientation, the Gold award for Service Orientation in Rural Areas, as well as the Gold award for Best Reputation in the Financial Services category.

In addition, SARS was also winner of the Bronze award for Internal Effectiveness and the Bronze award for Community Engagement. SARS competed in the State Owned Enterprises category.

Deputy Commissioner Edward Kieswetter collected the awards on behalf of SARS from the Minister of Public Service and Administration Masenyani Richard Baloyi, who congratulated SARS on the organisation's excellent work and service to the South African public.

The awards were based on a survey conducted among 1500 citizens from across the country.

The survey found that SARS was able to turn around its image from one that was very negative to one that demonstrates its role in enabling the country to invest in growth and providing the services that raise the quality of life for all South Africans.

Well done to all SARS staff who continue to make this organisation a winner every day!

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