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**“MR J VOS (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF TOURISM:**

- (1) Whether he has found that the National Development Plan’s (NDP) target for the tourism sector to contribute R499 billion to the gross domestic product by 2020 is still a realistic goal; if not; why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) Given the Financial and Fiscal commission’s warning in April 2013 that at current rates the NDP’s target will be missed by R150 billion, what measures has his department implemented to ensure the target is met or not missed by such a large shortfall;
- (3) What constitutes infrastructure investment in tourism?”

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**REPLY:**

- (1) The R499 billion was a target based on nominal prices as estimated by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) in 2010. The revised WTTC forecast for 2020 in nominal prices indicate that the total contribution of travel and tourism to GDP will be about R581.9 billion. Therefore the R499 billion contribution to GDP is still a realistic goal.

- (2) As stated above, indications are that the R499 billion target will be met.
  
- (3) The WTTC definition that is used for infrastructure investment in tourism includes both government and private sector capital investments. Government investment incorporates expenditure which comprises travel and tourism related equipment, land and buildings and infrastructure. Private Sector investment includes spending on tourism related accommodation establishments, convention centres and passenger transport equipment related to tourism.