

Whether Minister has implemented any measures to ensure continuous, accurate, reliable and timeously delivered statistical data

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Mr M R Sayedali Shah (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether he has implemented any measures to ensure (a) continuous, (b) accurate, (c) reliable and (d) timeously delivered statistical data necessary for the (i) planning and (ii) development of the tourism sector; if not, why not; if so, what measures?

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2257. THE MINISTER OF TOURISM ANSWERS:

Statistics South Africa (StatsSA) is responsible for the collection of official statistics in South Africa, these includes amongst others tourism related statistics. The National Department of Tourism work closely with Statistics South Africa in ensuring that there is continuous, accurate and timeously delivered tourism statistics that could be used by all tourism stakeholders for planning and development of the tourism sector. Tourism statistics collected by StatsSA includes statistics on the accommodation sector, tourist arrivals figures, domestic tourism and the Tourism Satellite Account (TSA). The Department further ensures that more information such as spend by tourists, length of stay, provincial spread is collected through the Tourism Departure Survey conducted by the South African Tourism (SAT) of which the methodology was approved by StatsSA.

