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Ms MAA Njobe to ask the Minister of Tourism:

With reference to the support of the small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) under the Domestic Tourism Management subprogramme, (a) when will the plan be implemented, (b) how will SMMEs be identified and (c) what are the further relevant details? NO1592E

Reply by Minister of Tourism

- a) The National Department of Tourism has been supporting Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises for a number of years through the Tourism Enterprise Partnership (TEP). Since 2011 the NDT signed a direct contract with the TEP in ensuring that SMMEs are supported. The NDT has a contract with the TEP until 2015 and as such the plan is currently under implementation.
- b) The TEP has appointed provincial managers in every province that assist them in promoting and marketing of the TEP programme and in reaching out to SMMEs.
- c) The focus areas for the agreement between NDT and TEP include amongst others the following:
 - o Supporting of rural enterprises;
 - o Assisting SMMEs with market access;
 - o Assisting SMMEs with training;
 - o Assisting SMMEs with mentorship;

The above-mentioned interventions aim to support jobs on offer by SMMEs throughout South Africa.