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Ms B T Mathevula (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether any plans are in place to expand the tourism budget to include businesses in the rural areas of Limpopo; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details?

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REPLY:

(a) and (b)

There are no plans to expand the tourism budget owing to a constrained fiscal environment that affects all other organs of state. However, the Department of Tourism's projects and expenditure are biased towards rural areas, women and the youth across the country inclusive of Limpopo province. These projects include amongst others enterprise development, skills development, women empowerment initiatives, as well as product development.