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Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Unsubsidised Charter and Tourism Bus Industry

Whether, with reference to the unsubsidised Charter and Tourism Bus Industry which has not been able to work a day for the past year utilising their Tourism and Charter permits (details furnished), she has been in (a) discussion with the tourism industry or (b) consultation with the Department of Transport in order to ascertain how these two departments could assist operators given they had no income for practically a year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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REPLY:

(a) and (b) Various role players contribute to tourism. Prepaid licensing fees for the Charter and Tourism Business Industry is not the competency of the Department of Tourism, but the mandate of the Department of Transport. The department engages from time to time with the Department of Transport on various matters. The Honourable member may refer the question to the Minister of Transport.