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Mr A G Matila (ANC-Gauteng) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether there is an engagement between his department and any other departments to address and resolve the impact of such departments on his department's ability to deliver on its mandate, such as the Department of Transport to provide access roads to heritage sites; if not, (a) why not and (b) how will this be addressed and resolved; if so, what are the relevant details? CO522E

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM ANSWERS:

(a) & (b)

The National Department of Tourism (NDT) continuously engages other government departments and agencies across all three spheres of government where any such department can assist the NDT in delivering its mandate. With reference to the example on the impact of road infrastructure on tourism, it should be noted that the NDT has engaged the Presidential Infrastructure Coordinating Commission (PICC) on the inclusion of key road infrastructure links for tourism into the eighteen Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs) already identified in the National Infrastructure Plan, for example the R74 Road along Sterkfontein Dam in Free State, SIP 2 and Madikwe/ Pilansberg Network roads in North West, SIP 4.

In addition the NDT continuously interacts, and collaborates with the Department of Transport (DoT) and a number of its agencies on a number of tourism related issues. Some examples include collaboration with the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) and the Cross Border Road Transport Agency (CBRTA) on aspects related to the enforcement of illegal tourist guiding practices, and the engagement with the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) and the Airports Company of South Africa, on matters related to tourism signage and the provision of visitor information services, air service bilateral, passenger movements statistics and issues pertaining to airlift.

In a similar way the NDT has good relations and engages constructively on a regular basis with a number of other government departments and entities such as the Department of Home Affairs

(DHA), Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), Statistics South Africa (StatsSA), etc. on various aspects and projects towards achieving our vision of becoming one of the top 20 tourism destinations in the world by 2020.

NDT further has an existing formal partnership agreement, in the form of an MOU with the Department of Arts and Culture. The identified areas of collaboration are centered on issues of development and promotion of Arts, Heritage and Cultural Tourism, including the joint implementation of the National Heritage and Cultural Tourism Strategy (2012).

With regard to the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), the Department of Tourism (NDT) participated in the consultation processes coordinated by DPE to solicit inputs on South African Airways (SAA) Long Term Turnaround Strategy (LTTS).