

Measures and plans put in place by the recently approved National Tourism Sector Strategy to improve the infrastructure of tourism asset

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

What measures and plans were put in place by the recently approved National Tourism Sector Strategy to (a) improve the infrastructure of our tourism asset and (b) create synergy between (i) national, (ii) provincial and (iii) regional tourism sectors?

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198. THE MINISTER OF TOURISM ANSWERS:

- (a) The National Department of Tourism in partnership with all nine provinces has embarked on compiling a list of critical infrastructure that is in need for upgrading or development, in order to allow tourism to further grow in specific areas. Infrastructure projects have been identified for approval by MINMEC and for submission to the Presidential Infrastructure Coordinating Commission. (PICC)
- (b) Since the approval of the National Tourism Sector Strategy (NTSS), NDT working with the national and provincial treasuries as well as the departments responsible for tourism in the provinces developed a common budget structure that will ensure that available resources are directed towards the implementation of the national strategic priorities as outlined in the NTSS.

Furthermore, the Strategy outlines the roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders at national, provincial, regional, metro and local government level. Consultations with stakeholders at all these levels were done by the department through outreach meetings, provincial workshops, provincial planning sessions, Intergovernmental meetings and participation in the Integrated Development Planning.

A Delivery Forum consisting of various stakeholders with specific roles and responsibilities as outlined in the NTSS has also been established to ensure the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the NTSS by different stakeholder. This mechanism includes stakeholders outside government such as communities, labour, research communities, communicators and business.