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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY:

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"MR J VOS (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF TOURISM:

- With reference to the National Tourism Sector Strategy in which reference is made to the provision of incentives to the industry in order to target the domestic tourism market, (a) what do these incentives entail, (b) how many incentives were provided, (c) to whom were these incentives presented and (d) is information on the incentives readily accessible to the public;
- (2) whether the implementation of the specified incentives is ongoing; if not, why not?

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REPLY:

- (1) A range of direct and indirect subsidies and other support mechanisms have historically supported domestic tourism development, for example the EPWP/SRI programme, the TEP partnership, training programmes such as the Chefs training programme and the SA Tourism Sho't Left campaign and online platform.
 - (a) The National Department of Tourism (NDT) is in the process of finalising the framework, principles and modalities for the new Tourism Incentive Programme (TIP), which will be introduced in the 2015/16 financial year. It is the intention to focus on facilitating new market access, sustainability support for EPWP projects, retrofitting for resource efficiency and universal access, and enhanced tourism grading. Public announcements on the new TIP programme will be made once the framework has been finalised.

- (b) In light of 1(a) above, this question falls away.
- (c) In light of 1(a) above, this question falls away.
- (d) In light of 1(a) above, this question falls away.
- (2) In light of 1(a) above, this question falls away.