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Mr K A Sinclair (COPE-NC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

(1) Whether, with regard to the importance of domestic tourism and job creation, his department has any specific plan of action to enhance the potential of the Gariep Dam and Vanderkloof Dam to (a) support and (b) promote tourism development; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether his department can provide details with regard to the incentives that are available for entrepreneurs to engage in these opportunities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?CW167E

REPLY

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(1) Tourism is a concurrent function. The National Department of Tourism is however collaborating closely with the Provincial Governments of the Free State and the Northern Cape on this issue. The Free State Province commissioned a study to look at the viability of the Gariep Dam.

(2) The Tourism Support Programme has been transferred from Department of Trade and Industry to National Department of Tourism. As such the incentive programme is being revised and will be implemented as from April 2014 and more details will be available thereafter.