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Mr T Apleni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Why is the home of former President Nelson Mandela in Qunu in the Eastern Cape not maintained, considering that it is one of the tourist attractions in the province?

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REPLY:

There is no doubt that the home of former President Nelson Mandela in Qunu in the Eastern Cape Province is a significant landmark in South Africa's heritage. This together with his final resting place occupy a special place in the history of the country. However, the home is private property of the Mandela Family and not open to the public. Thus, the department does not have any responsibility with regards to maintenance of this private family property.