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Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Tourism industry: vaccine roll-out programme

With reference to the tourism industry which has been hit very hard by the lockdown (details furnished), what discussions have taken place between her department, the Minister of Health and the tourism industry to ensure that this industry is part of the phase two vaccine roll-out programme in order to ensure its recovery?

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REPLY:

The Minister of Tourism has engaged and continues to engage with the relevant parties within the structures of the NCCC on the possible inclusion of the front-line workers within the tourism sector as part of the prioritised sectors in the future phases of the vaccine roll-out programme in order to ensure its recovery. These discussions are still underway guided by the Inter-Ministerial Committee on vaccine led by the Honourable Deputy President, Mr DD Mabuza.

The Department of Tourism is of the opinion that frontline staff in the economy, including those in the tourism sector, should be prioritised but such decisions will be taken by the relevant structures at the appropriate time. This, together with the continued use of non-pharmaceutical measures such as social distancing, sanitisation, wearing of masks etc. shall go a long way in boosting consumer and business confidence for our country as a tourism destination. I am pleased to indicate that the tourism industry has pledged in writing through the Tourism Business Council of South Africa (TBCSA), to provide financial support towards the roll out of the vaccine to their frontline workers if necessary. This demonstrates the partnership approach with which government and industry are approaching the recovery of the sector.