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Mr G R Krumbock (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

In light of the fact that Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) funds are solely for infrastructure development and Phase 1 of the proposed Tourism Incentive Programme (TIP) targets existing and new Social Responsibility Implementation projects (a) on what basis were EPWP funds transferred to TIP and (b) to what extent has this collaboration between the two programmes been successful?

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REPLY:

- (a) No funds from the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) were transferred to the Tourism Incentive Programme (TIP). The budget allocation for the TIP falls under a different programme in the Department and is separate from the funding received for Social Responsibility Implementation (SRI) projects from the EPWP.
- (b) It is not possible to indicate the extent to which collaboration between the two programmes has been successful at this stage. The Department identified a number of existing and new SRI projects that may require additional funding support, which is not covered under the broader EPWP, to ensure effective operational sustainability. Individual assessments will be carried out on each of the identified projects to determine the particular requirement for possible additional funding support. Collaboration between the two programmes is informed by outcomes of the individual assessments on identified SRI projects.