

## **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

## QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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## Ms R M M Lesoma (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether, given the fact that international operations are expanding and that this exposes SA Tourism (SAT) and his department to foreign currency risk, his department and SAT have plans to investigate this in the management of risk to exposure; if not, why not; if so, what plans? NW3644E

## THE MINISTER OF TOURISM REPLIES:

In terms of the Board of SAT's fiduciary responsibilities, SAT Management prepares a Risk Register on an annual basis for Board's review and approval. Amongst the "Top Ten (10)" Strategic Risks is SAT's Currency Risk Exposure, categorised under Funding (i.e. Finance Risk).

The Board reviews this risk at each and every Board meeting and requires management to continuously improve the control environment to mitigate this risk.

Management identified the following key controls to mitigate the currency risks:

- Enhancing planning processes and quarterly cash flow requirements per business unit;
- Enhancing the implementation of the PFMA and Treasury Regulations including Supply Chain guidelines, to ensure and strive for economic, effective and efficient mechanisms of utilizing public funds;
- Re-prioritisation of projects, monitoring and evaluations, and
- Assessment of further exposures with financial implications to SAT Quarterly risk review by Risk Management unit.