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"MR J VOS (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF TOURISM:

Has any research been conducted in relation to the action step contained on page 26 of the National Tourism Sector Strategy which outlined the need to identify all existing municipal and other government-owned resorts that are not optimally utilised for the possible development into resorts to target new domestic markets; if not, why not; if so, (a) what were the outcomes of this research and (b) what action is being taken going forward?"

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REPLY:

It should be noted that tourism is a concurrent function for all three spheres of government. However, an audit was conducted in partnership with the Industrial Development Corporation.

- (a) The outcome of this audit was the identification of approximately 700 resorts that are not optimally utilised.
- (b) While most of these resorts are owned by municipalities, the Social Responsibility Initiative of the department is currently assisting in the refurbishing of some of these facilities, and, funds permitting, will consider further assistance upon application from the relevant municipality or government department.