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1042. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

With reference to her reply to question 7277 on 19 December 2025, wherein she indicated that the process of appointing the new board for SA Tourism is expected to be finalised in 2026, what is the update in this regard, given that the call for nominations closed on 5 December 2025?

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REPLY:

The appointment process for the new SA Tourism Board is progressing in line with the statutory requirements of the Tourism Act, following the closure of public nominations on 5 December 2025. As indicated in my earlier reply, the process includes mandatory public nomination, vetting and Cabinet concurrence. In that reply, I stated that: "The nominations closed on 5 December 2025. This process is expected to be finalised in 2026, including seeking Cabinet concurrence."

Following the commencement of the formal appointment process in February 2026, the Department and the independent panel have advanced through the structured phases required to ensure a transparent, credible and governance-compliant process. These phases include panel establishment, shortlisting, interviews, due diligence, and Ministerial selection for the Cabinet's consideration and support.

I will present the proposed board to the Cabinet for its support within the First Quarter of the 2026/27 Financial Year. Following the Cabinet's support, the new SA Tourism Board will be published in the government gazette.

This timeline was adopted to ensure full due diligence, adequate deliberation time and reduced governance risk. The appointment process remains on track for finalisation.

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