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**127. Ms M C Mafagane (MK) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What (a) is the status update of the Tourism Equity Fund and (b) are the relevant details of the plan to accommodate small business owners who (i) have already applied, (ii) have complied, (iii) qualified and (iv) are waiting for funding?

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**Reply**

- (a) I am informed by the Department of Tourism that the Fund Management Agreement and the Service Level Agreement between the Department of Tourism and the Small Enterprise Finance Agency (SE DFA) are still active and will expire in October 2026. According to the most recent information I have received, there are 23 approved Tourism Equity Fund beneficiaries and 24 Tourism Equity Fund pipeline applicants at an advanced stage of processing.
- (b) I have requested an updated Implementation Plan from SEDFA by the end of February 2026 with regard to ensuring the completed evaluation of the pipeline applications at an advanced stage of assessment by the end of the 2025/2026 financial year and to outline the approach and timelines for processing all applications at the various stages of assessment.

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