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1302. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

- (1) What (a) measures has she implemented since she assumed office to transfer ownership of tourism assets to workers and communities, (b) is the current total number of tourism infrastructure projects that are located in historically marginalised townships and rural communities and (c) protections are in place to prevent the exploitation of the township tourism operators platform;
- (2) What plans does she have to ensure that tourism growth reduces inequality rather than deepens enclave developments for wealthy visitors?
- (3) whether her department has programmes and/or policies in place to ensure communities receive tourism equity stakes in developments built on their land; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The Department has set up the Programme Support Unit (PSU) to expedite completion, close-out and hand-over of tourism infrastructure projects. Projects are handed over to traditional authorities representing communities in some instances. In other instances, projects are handed over to provincial governments or municipalities.

(1)(b) The Department is implementing the following tourism infrastructure projects in historically marginalised rural areas as part of its Annual Performance Plan (APP) for the 2025/2026 financial year.

Table 1

No1	Province	Project Name	Locality
1.	Eastern Cape	Qatywa Lodge	Mbashe LM, Amathole DM
2.		Mthonsi Lodge	Nkonkobe LM, Amathole DM
3.	Free State	QwaQwa Guest House	Maluti-a-Phofung LM, Thabo Mofutsanyana DM
4.	KwaZulu-Natal	Muzi Pan	Jozini LM, Umkhanyakude DM.
5.	Limpopo	Mapate Recreational Social Tourism Facility	Thulamele LM, Vhembe DM
6.		The Oaks	Maruleng LM, Mopani DM
7.		Ngove	Greater Giyani LM, Mopani DM
8.		Tisane	Makhuduthamaga LM, Sekhukune DM
9.		Phiphidi Waterfall	Thohoyandou, Thulamela LM Vhembe DM
10.		Tshathogwe Game Farm	Makhado LM, Vhembe DM
11.		Mtititi Game Farm	Collins Chabane LM, Vhembe DM
12.		Matsila Lodge	Collins Chabane LM, Vhembe DM
13.		Nandoni Dam	Collins Chabane LM, Vhembe DM
14.		Royal Khalanga	Greater Tzaneen LM, Mopani DM
15.	Mpumalanga	Numbi Gate - Mdhluli Cultural Centre	Mbombela LM, Ehlanzeni DM
16.	North West	Lehurutshe Bird and Trophy Hunting	Ramotshere Moiloa LM, Ngaka Modiri Molema DM
17.		Manyane Lodge	Mahikeng LM, Ngaka Modiri Molema DM

(1)(c) Local Government, together with the relevant associations such as the South African Township and Village Tourism Association (SATOVITO), as part of the

concurrent function of Tourism, ensures that protections are in place to prevent the exploitation of township tourism

- (2) The Department is implementing the three key priorities of the Government of National Unity and the MTDP. Most of the community projects are strategically located near major attractions, such as Kruger National Park, to ensure that community facilities benefit from the tourist flow into the park, and, in instances where communities are land claimants. In partnership with South African National Parks (SANParks) and other owning entities like Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), community-owned tourism facilities are developed within the parks, where proceeds from these facilities go to communities for their development.
- (3) After project completion, the Department will hand over the above projects reflected in Table 1 back to the owning entities / Community Trusts who duly represent communities, thus ensuring communities receive tourism equity stakes on developments built on their land.

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