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1650. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

- (1) Whether, considering the negative impact of the ever-increasing domestic air travel cost on tourism within the Republic due to the lack of competition between the few airlines that operate in the country, the SA Tourism (SAT) intends to engage the airlines to reduce the costs of domestic air travel; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the SAT had any discussions with the Airports Company South Africa to improve domestic airlift to enhance connectivity to domestic destinations once international tourists land in the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are relevant details?
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REPLY

- (1) SA Tourism works closely with domestic carriers on a range of initiatives, including participation in local and international platforms, in-flight entertainment partnerships, joint marketing campaigns, and tactical, deal-driven promotions. These efforts are aimed at stimulating sustained demand for domestic travel, which supports route viability, improves load factors, and contributes to more competitive and accessible pricing for travellers over time.

- (2) SA Tourism, together with ACSA, are standing members of the provincial air access committees. The purpose of these committees is to support the growth of airlift to, from, and within South Africa, with each stakeholder playing a defined role in the value chain and identifying the interventions required from their respective mandates to ensure the success of air access initiatives.

In addition, SA Tourism and ACSA collaborate beyond the provincial committee structures, with ACSA regularly participating in SA Tourism-owned platforms such as Meetings Africa and Africa's Travel Indaba. These engagements enable ongoing data and insight sharing, alignment on route development priorities, and coordinated industry action.

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