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2686. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

- (1) Regarding potential barriers to tourism between the Republic and Taiwan, what is the current visa policy for (a) Taiwanese passport holders visiting the Republic and (b) South African passport holders visiting Taiwan;
- (2) whether any (a) visa waivers, (b) e-visas and/or (c) visa-on-arrival agreements have been negotiated and/or terminated with Taiwan in the past 10 years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (3) whether inbound tourism from Taiwan has been steadily declining over the past 10 years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what is the top three identified causes with supporting data for such a decline;
- (4) whether the lack of direct flights between the Republic and Taiwan has impacted the total number of Taiwanese tourists visiting the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) what engagements has her department had with (a) the Department of Transport and (b) airlines regarding air service agreements and/or code-share arrangements to enhance connectivity?

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REPLY:

- (1), (2) The Department of Home Affairs is responsible for visa policy, and the Minister of Home Affairs is best placed to answer these questions.

(3) As per the Reply to Question 2685: refer to the table below for Taiwanese tourists who visited the Republic of South Africa each year:

Arrivals Tourist	2018/2019	2019/ 2020	2020/2021	2021/ 2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Taiwan	6 924	1 210	760	1 481	3 627	3 950	4 435

(4) South African Tourism conducted an analysis through the Marketing Prioritisation and Investment Framework (MPIF), which identifies the source markets with the greatest potential to deliver arrivals to South Africa. Based on this data-driven assessment, Taiwan does not feature among the top 25 priority markets.

(5) Department of Transport deals with regulatory matters regarding air service agreements and the Minister of Transport is best placed to answer these questions.

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