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**3065. Ms N Buthelezi (MK) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What (a) are the reasons that there have been no results-driven interventions implemented by her department to ensure that local communities living around national heritage sites and/or tourist attractions are able to derive meaningful economic and social benefits from such assets and (b) measures have been put in place to strengthen inclusive participation in tourism value chains in areas where community benefit remains limited, despite proximity to key attractions?

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**REPLY:**

- (a) Tourism is a concurrent power. The Department has deliberately invested in the development of community-owned tourism infrastructure to ensure meaningful participation by communities in the tourism value chain.
- (b) Two project examples in proximity to the key attraction of the Kruger National Park in Mpumalanga are the construction of the Mdluli Community Centre next to the Numbi Gate and the Mtititi Game Lodge, which is also adjacent to Kruger National Park, where the Shangoni Gate is being constructed. These facilities have been built by the Department and, upon completion, handed over to these local communities to operate.

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