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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY:

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3066. Ms N Buthelezi (MK) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

(a) What is the justification for requiring local communities to pay entrance fees to access heritage-linked sites such as game reserves and (b) how does the specified approach align with objectives of (i) equitable access, (ii) local ownership of natural tourism and/or cultural heritage and (iii) inclusive tourism development?

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REPLY:

Entrance fees for heritage sites are determined by the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, and for national parks by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).

The entrance fees charged are called conservation fees. There is also a distinction between local and international tourists; fees for locals are lower than for international tourists. Most of these facilities, such as Kruger National Park and other national parks, as well as museums, have open days when South Africans can enter for free.

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