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

(a) What criteria were used to approve the Expanded Public Works Programme projects in the tourism sector, and (b) how do the specified criteria support (i) transformation and (b) rural development?

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**REPLY:**

- (a) The criteria the Department used to approve the Expanded Public Works Programme projects in the tourism sector included projects which:
- Creates temporary and sustainable work opportunities
  - Targets young people through the demand-led skills programmes
  - Diversification and spread of tourism products
  - Targets rural areas, villages and small towns
  - Contributes to the safety of tourists and tourist areas
- (b)(i) The maintenance and infrastructure projects funded by the Department support the transformation of the sector through ownership of the assets by the communities, as well as the creation of sustainable employment once the facilities are operational.
- (b)(ii) The projects support rural development through job creation, skills development and empowerment of local communities, asset ownership and management of tourism and hospitality enterprises, economic growth and income generation, and entrepreneurship and supplier development.

The Department approved demand-led skills programmes for implementation as Expanded Public Works Programmes. Demand-led skills programmes are interventions that support job creation, especially for unemployed youth in townships, villages, and small towns.

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