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3267. Mr S R Moodley (MK) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

- (1) Considering that approximately 8,1 million South Africans are unemployed, what policies has she put in place since she assumed office (a) to ensure that South African citizens are prioritised for jobs in the tourism sector for entry-level and/or operational roles.
 - (b) to close the loophole where employers claim that they have a skills shortage in order to hire foreign nationals for jobs that South Africans can do;
- (2) whether she has any binding agreement in place with Tourism Marketing South Africa and Federated Hospitality Association of Southern Africa that requires members to report and reduce reliance on undocumented labour; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY

- (1)(a) The Tourism Growth Partnership Plan (TGPP) positions tourism as a high-growth, high-employment sector and sets out a clear localisation, skills, SMME, and investment-driven framework to create sustainable jobs for South Africans—especially youth and women.
- (b) In line with the priorities of the 7th Administration to create jobs, the department works with the private sector to determine skills that are in demand and subsequently implements various demand-led skills programmes targeting South African youth.
- (2) No, the Department does not have such an agreement in place, given that the legislative mandate on employment and labour enforcement matters in the country is within the purview of the Minister of Employment and Labour. The honourable member may direct the question accordingly.

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