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★343. Ms A S Hlongo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Following the Special Investigating Unit investigation authorised by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, into the media buying contracts at SA Tourism, (a) who has been held accountable and (b) what steps have been taken against them? NO2289E

REPLY

(a) On 20 October 2025, the President of the Republic of South Africa, HE Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, signed the proclamation authorising the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) in accordance with the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act, 1996 (Act No. 74 of 1996) to investigate any alleged-

- Serious maladministration in connection with affairs of the South African Tourism Board.
- Improper or unlawful conduct by the employees of the Board.
- Unlawful appropriation or expenditure of public money or property

- Unlawful, irregular or unapproved acquisitive act, transaction, measure or practice having a bearing on State property.
- Intentional or negligent loss of public money or damage to public property.
- Any alleged offence referred to in parts 1 to 4 or section 17, 20 or 21 (in so far as it relates to the aforementioned offences) of Chapter 2 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No 12 of 2004, and which offences were committed in connection with the affairs of the Board, or
- Unlawful or improper conduct by any person, which has caused or may cause serious harm to the interests of the public or any category thereof

The Proclamation was published in the Government Gazette on 21 November 2025 in accordance with the Act 74 of 1996. The investigation covers the period from 1 March 2020 to the date of publication of the Proclamation. However, periods before 1 March 2020 or after the date of publication (which is 21 November 2025) may also be applicable if they are relevant to, connected with, or incidental to matters mentioned in the Schedule to the Proclamation, or involve the same persons, entities or contracts investigated under the authority of the Proclamation.

The question by the Honourable Member only refers to the “media buying contracts”; however, as I have detailed, the Proclamation is much broader than that.

The SIU will report to the President in accordance with Section 4(g) of the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act. I am informed that the SIU investigation is still ongoing.

(b) Any steps to be taken will emanate from the recommendations as contained in the final report of the Special Investigating Unit to the President of the Republic of South Africa.

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