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3433. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

- (1) Has the SA Tourism (SAT) communicated with the service provider involved in the M1 finding about recouping the R4,1 million; if not, why not; if so, what was the response of the service provider;
- (2) whether the specified case has been included in the response of SAT to the Auditor-General; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY

- (1) Yes. In July 2024, the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) identified a Material Irregularity (MI) totalling R4.1 million. In response, the Board of South African Tourism (SAT) initiated recovery proceedings in August 2024.

On 5 September 2024, the service provider was formally notified of SAT's decision to withhold the amount classified as fruitless and wasteful expenditure. Consequently, the R4.1 million was successfully withheld from payments due to the service provider on 11 November 2024.

The service provider responded on 28 July 2025, acknowledging that the full amount had been withheld, although they continue to dispute the finding of non-delivery.

- (2) Yes. The matter was officially included in SA Tourism's response to the AGSA and captured in the 2024/25 Annual Report. On 15 September 2025, the AGSA reviewed the steps taken by management and formally accepted that the recovery process was actively in progress.

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