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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY:**

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

- (1) How has lack of action from her department affected the overall performance and effectiveness of the Tourism Board;
- (2) whether there are any legal and/or regulatory implications arising from her department's failure to address the Tourism Boards' issues; if not, what is the position in this position; if so, what are the decisions?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) As per my reply to NA Parliamentary Question 144 on 27 February 2026, the premise of the question is incorrect. South Africa recorded the highest international arrivals on record between January and December 2025, welcoming 10.48 million international visitors, a 17.6% increase over 2024. This performance confirms tourism's growing contribution to the economy.

This achievement reflects deliberate policy choices, focused implementation, and strong collaboration between the Government and the private sector. The Tourism Growth Partnership Plan was approved by Cabinet in December 2025, and the working groups, consisting of the private and public sectors, are implementing plans to grow the sector.

- (2) I have followed the legislative and regulatory framework governing public entities.

**END**