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4718. Mr V Pambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What measures have been implemented by her department to ensure that poor and historically disadvantaged communities benefit meaningfully from tourism development?

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REPLY

The investment pipeline of the Department includes various community-owned infrastructure projects across the country. These projects are located in rural areas. The benefit to local communities is derived both during and after construction. During construction; labour, materials and sub-contracting to SMMEs are sourced locally. These facilities are owned by local communities who operate and manage these facilities post construction, generating income and employment opportunities for locals. Ownership and operation of facilities enable meaningful participation in the tourism sector for these communities.

Although the Department's financial support programmes such as the Tourism Transformation Fund (TTF), the Green Tourism Incentive Programme (GTIP) and the Market Access Support programme (MASP) are all available nationally, they have a particular focus on small enterprises with ownership from historically disadvantaged groups. In terms of enterprises size, applying enterprises must be either an Exempt Micro Enterprise (EME) or a Qualifying Small Enterprises (QSE) in line with the Tourism Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Codes.

In addition, TTF for example further requires majority black-ownership with further preference for ownership by woman, youth and people with disabilities. In the case of the GTIP, compliance with the Tourism B-BBEE codes and ownership forms part of the main

weighted criteria used to assess every application, alongside the resource-efficiency impact of the project. Also, in the MASP, developmental criteria forms a core part of the assessment framework with a strong bias and preference for applications from enterprises with black-, woman-, youth-, or disability-ownership, located outside of major centres and in rural communities, and with higher levels of compliance with the Tourism B-BBEE codes.

The Department implements the learn and earn programme targeting unemployed youth and women. Unemployed youth, those that are tourism graduates and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges and university students are placed with host employers to gain skills or to be able to obtain their qualifications while being paid a stipend. The Department implements the Executive Development Programme to equip women with the requisite management skills and qualifications to be able to take up senior management positions within the tourism sector, whilst creating employment and opportunities for women.

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