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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY:

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5182. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

(1) Whether, with reference to The Ngubane Report that recommended that consequence management be instituted against a certain person (name and details furnished) for contravening Treasury Regulations 31(1)(2), (a) by what date does the new Board intend to finalise the disciplinary proceedings against the specified person and (b) what measures have been taken to ensure that the process is concluded without undue delay;

(2) given that one of the newly appointed Board members (name furnished) was previously barred from appearing before a Portfolio Committee of Parliament following allegations that the specified person provided false evidence to the Committee under oath, what (a) considerations informed the appointment of the person to the Board, notwithstanding this history, and (b) due diligence was undertaken prior to the appointment;

(3) With regard to consequence management, what (a) specific remedial and/or disciplinary action has been taken against officials found to be responsible for the adverse audit findings and (b) measures have been implemented to prevent similar findings from recurring;

(4) what specific policy frameworks govern the remuneration of Board members and related auxiliary costs;

(5) what fiscal controls have been considered and/or implemented, including the use of virtual meetings where appropriate, to ensure that Board expenditure is aligned with broader public-sector cost-containment measures?

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REPLY

(1) (a) The Board of South African Tourism (SAT) were due to discuss matters pertaining to the disciplinary process against the specified person on 12 October 2026.

(1)(b) The Board of South African Tourism (SAT) will undertake their responsibility with due consideration of the applicable timeframes.

(2)(a) During the course of the 6th Administration, certain allegations were brought to my attention in relation to the specified Board member. In order to ascertain the veracity of the allegations, I sent correspondence to the then Speaker of the National Assembly requesting transcripts and/or recordings of the meetings of the Portfolio Committee on Tourism to which the allegations related. There was no response to my requests.

I have not been provided with conclusive evidence to the effect that the specified person "was previously barred from appearing before a Portfolio Committee of Parliament following allegations that the specified person provided false evidence to the Committee, under oath". The specified Board member is the Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee and was present at the virtual meeting of the Portfolio Committee on 6 October 2026.

(2)(b) The necessary due diligence was undertaken in regard to all the newly appointed Board members.

(3)(a) and (b):

The responsibility for remedial and/or disciplinary action against officials vests with the relevant offices within South African Tourism and not with the Executive Authority.

(4) The remuneration of Board members and related auxiliary costs are governed by the applicable legislative and regulatory provisions.

(5) The Board is responsible for managing internal processes in line with the relevant fiscal legislation and regulations on cost-cutting with the oversight of the Minister.

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