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4479. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Considering that the funding spent on the (a) Platfontein and (b) Manyane Lodges has failed to yield results, and noting that after spending approximately R885 million, there is nothing of substance to show, what specific interventions has she made to investigate what caused the failure of the specified project?

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REPLY

The total expenditure for Platfontein and Manyane projects was R79,956,171 and not approximately R885 million as alleged.

(a) Previous expenditure for the Platfontein Lodge was R32,072,057. The project was completed and operational. However, after the initial renovations were completed, following a period of heavy rains, several defects including structural cracks and other related services problems developed. Specialist studies were completed to determine the best solutions for these matters. Based on these studies, construction on site is currently underway.

(b) Previous expenditure for the Manyane Lodge was R47,884,114. The outstanding work at that stage was the completion of the restaurant facilities. However, there was severe vandalism and theft on the site. To hand over a fully functional facility, work needed to be redone. This work is currently underway.

Manyane Lodge was 1 of the 14 EPWP projects which were investigated by Sizwe Ntsaluba Gobodo as result of the AGSA audit outcomes of 2018/19. The investigation report was finalized and issued to the Department in May 2020. Based on the findings and recommendations, the Department established immediate corrective interventions.

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