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Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether the matter between his department and the Department of Home Affairs has been dealt with regarding the new enforced visa regulations to the detriment of the tourism business in the country; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

Allow me from the onset to state that the review of the Immigration Regulations, which was a task assigned by Cabinet to an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) led by the Deputy President, was not a matter between the Departments of Home Affairs and Tourism. The President had set up this IMC so as to investigate the unintended consequences that were raised by the stakeholders in the tourism sector. Having investigated and explored areas that can be adjusted to deal with both the security considerations and the unintended consequences the IMC made recommendations that were approved by Cabinet on Wednesday, 21 October 2015. Detailed feedback was provided to stakeholders and a public statement has also been issued in this regard. The outcomes of the review have been well received by the various stakeholders. The officials from all the relevant departments, including Tourism and Home Affairs are now working on the effective implementation of the Cabinet decision.