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**Mr J Vos (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

- (1) With reference to the Social Responsibility Implementation (SRI) projects being the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) implementation programme for his department, why is the department using the Tourism Incentive Programme to fund the sustainability of SRI projects while each project has a sustainability plan and after care mechanism that is meant to address operational issues;
- (2) what has his department done to ensure that all after care agreements reached at a project planning phase are activated to fund operational support for SRI projects;
- (3) whether his department intends to assist the SRI projects through the Tourism Enterprise Partnership service; if not, why not; if so, how?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) SRI EPWP funding is ring-fenced for infrastructure development and payment of wages during construction phase in line with EPWP requirements. Community based projects often experience challenges when it comes implementation of sustainability plans. The department through TIP supports the initial running of the operations, including capacity building for the owning entity to ensure sustainability.
- (2) With effect from 2014/15 financial year, owning agencies have been required to confirm in writing to indicate that they have the capacity to support the project after completion.

Alternatively they will have to enter into an agreement with a management company to assist them in managing the project and must provide proof of such an undertaking.

- (3) Not necessarily, the management companies and/or operating entities to support the sustainability of the SRI projects operations are sourced in line with public finance management requirements. Thus, such companies are appointed based on the strength of their proposals.