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Mr G R Krumbock (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What efforts are directed towards ensuring transformation of the tourism industry through investment in newly established businesses?

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REPLY:

Through the Tourism Incentives Programme (TIP), the department provides market access and grading support. Furthermore, establishments will also benefit from the roll-out of renewable energy technologies, which will assist in lowering the cost of doing business. TIP support to community based Social Responsibility Implementation (SRI) facilities, will bring about more participation at that level, with clear transformation benefits for these new entrants. Some of these enterprises, particularly those in the rural areas are also supported through the Tourism Enterprise Partnership.

In addition, through the proposed amended Tourism B-BBEE Codes submitted to the dti, Enterprise and Supplier Development is a particular focus area and constitutes the bulk of the scorecard. Emerging enterprises are set to be the major beneficiaries of this aspect of the codes. A supplier development database is being developed in collaboration with other government agencies and industry to facilitate the procurement of large enterprises from small enterprises including new entrants.