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MS D CARTER (COPE) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF TOURISM: *[Interdepartmental transfer from International Relations and Cooperation on 6 November 2015]*

- (1) Whether the Government made any proposals to the African Union (AU) to place the issue of tourism as a key economic driver in Africa on the AU's agenda; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the Government raised the issue of a Univisa to enable tourists to travel to different countries in a single trip using a single visa; if not, why not; if so, (a) what has been the outcome of that proposal and (b) what steps does the Government intend to take in respect of the specified outcome?

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REPLY:

- (1) South Africa participated in the African Tourism Ministers meeting which was co-ordinated by the Seychelles Government in collaboration with the African Union Commission on Energy, Transport and Infrastructure, on 14 March 2014. South Africa was elected to serve as a member of the African Ministers Working Group that would facilitate the establishment of the African Union Tourism Conference, a structure that would create a platform for African Tourism Ministers to meet annually or biannually.

On 19 October 2015, the AUC Chairperson, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with a delegation of African Ministers responsible for tourism, led by Mr Walter

Mzembi, Minister of Tourism and Hospitality Industry of Zimbabwe. The meeting discussed a way forward regarding the establishment of an Africa Union Ministers of Tourism structure that would profile tourism as one of the prioritised fields in growing the continent's economy and contributing to job creation.

- (2) Immigration is a mandate of the Department of Home Affairs and therefore the question should be directed accordingly.