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Ms D Carter (Cope) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether he has succeeded in persuading the Minister of Finance to establish a Tourism Development Fund that will cater for all aspects of the tourism sector in order to **increase infrastructure**, improve **experiences and facilities** for tourists, introduce <u>innovative ideas</u> and help **small operators** expand their businesses; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

There has been no attempt to persuade the Minister of Finance to establish a Tourism Development Fund. The tourism development aspects raised in the question are funded through existing funding mechanisms in the department provided for by the National Treasury within the current appropriated budget. These include inter alia the Tourism Incentive Programme (TIP), the Social Responsibility Implementation (SRI) Programme and the Strategic Partners in Tourism initiative.