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“MR J VOS (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF TOURISM:

Whether he has found that the Social Responsibility Implementation program is serving the purpose for which it was intended; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

Yes, the Social Responsibility Implementation programme is serving the purpose for which it was intended. It is an Expanded Public Works programme (EPWP) of the Department of Tourism with the objectives of job creation and skills development, as well as tourism development.

The programme has, since its inception in 2010, contributed to Full Time Equivalent jobs (FTEs) up to the end of the 2013/14 financial year as follows:

FTEs	Budget (R000)
2010/11 = 1864	2010/11 = 249,704
2011/12 = 5036	2011/12 = 272,196
2012/13 = 5645	2012/13 = 242,767
2013/14 = 2797	2013/14 = 253,211

The department will further elevate the SRI programme as the vehicle to enhance infrastructure and iconic tourism attractions such as World Heritage Sites, create opportunities for new entrants, especially in rural areas where there are limited economic opportunities.

The department will spend its current budget allocation and ensure that we grow our budget allocation. Three clusters of criteria that are paramount:

- a) the long-term sustainability of projects and programmes,
- b) the return on investment (ROI) in terms of enhancing tourism assets and stimulating domestic tourism, and
- c) the contribution to job creation, skills development and transformation.