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

With respect to the Small Business Project survey conducted for the Tourism Enterprise Partnership which identified that over 35% of the businesses surveyed found that the regulatory environment, including labour laws, was a barrier to employment, (a) what is the estimated number of jobs in tourism that have been lost as a result of such legislation and (b) what interventions has he initiated with the Minister of Labour to find solutions for this situation?

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REPLY:

- (a) According to Statistics South Africa, which is responsible for compilation and release of the Tourism Satellite Account officially used to report on the direct contribution of tourism to employment, no job losses were reported. The latest figures available indicated that the estimated direct contribution of tourism to employment increased from 591 785 persons in 2011 to 617 287 persons in 2012.
- (b) There is no intervention initiated by the Minister with the Minister of Labour.