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**Ms M A A Njobe (COPE) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether he intends to take steps to change the eligibility criteria in respect of the establishment of incubation support systems in order to (a) align Tourism Support Programmes with the strategic objective of facilitating the implementation of national tourism imperatives and (b) involve persons from the rural areas; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3950E

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## **THE MINISTER OF TOURISM ANSWERS:**

- (a) The National Department of Tourism will be reviewing the eligibility criteria in respect of the establishment of the incubation support system. Based on the outcome of the review, the eligibility criteria will be aligned to the Tourism Support Programme.
  
- (b) The National Department of Tourism will involve persons from rural areas.  
The Rural Tourism Strategy provides clear direction towards the implementation of tourism in rural areas. Based on the direction of the rural tourism strategy, the National Department of Tourism has a responsibility towards supporting people and projects from rural areas.