



**MINISTRY OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Private Bag X424, Pretoria, 0001, South Africa. Tel. (+27 12) 444 6780, Fax (+27 12) 444 7027
Private Bag X9154, Cape Town, 8000, South Africa. Tel. (+27 21) 469 5800, Fax: (+27 21) 465 3216

Ref: TM 2/1/1/10

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY:

QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY:

Question Number: 441
Date of Publication: 1 September 2015
NA IQP Number: 35
Date of Reply: 9 September 2015

Mr J Vos (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

What has he found to be the trend in foreign tourist (a) arrival and (b) departure figures since 1 June 2014?

NO3947E

REPLY:

(a) To get a clear picture of trends in tourist arrivals, it is important to compare a period with the performance in the same period of the prior year taking into account seasonality and other externalities. The trend in arrivals for the period 1 June 2014 to 31 December 2014 and for the period 1 January 2015 to 31 May 2015, excluding travelers in transit, compared to the equivalent period in the previous year, is indicated in the table below. Detailed information can be found in the monthly Statistical release P0351 which is available in the public domain.

Period	Trend compared to prior period		
	Total	SADC	Rest of the world
1 June 2014 to 31 December 2014	6.61% increase	9.61% increase	1.5% decline
1 January 2015 to 31 May 2015	7.33% decline	6.38% decline	10.06% decline

- (b) Detailed information on the departure of tourists is not available in the movement control system. There was an increase in total departures from 18 366 000 in 2013 to 19 126 000 in 2014, an increase of 4.1% (Source: Report No 03-51-02 (2014), Statistics South Africa).