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**Mr S Mokgalapa (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether (a) his department and (b) all entities reporting to him are running development programmes for (i) small businesses and (ii) co-operatives; if not, why not; if so, in each case, (aa) what are the relevant details, (bb) what amount has been budgeted and (cc) how many jobs will be created through the specified development programmes in the 2016-17 financial year? NW1561E

**Reply**

1. Department
2. Yes, the Department has a Tourism Enterprise Development Programme that is aimed at providing support for small business.
3. Support provided is mainly to community trusts through the Social Responsibility Implementation (SRI) Programme. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with the Department of Small Business Development include support for tourism cooperatives.

(aa) Relevant details:

 The Tourism Enterprise Development Programme, consists of information dissemination through a web portal, support for 100 rural enterprises, establishment of two Tourism incubator Hubs in Pilanesberg and Manyeleti as well as provision of business advisory and technical support. The department also provides market access support through the Tourism Incentive Programme (TIP).

(bb) The budget allocated for the programme isR15m.

(cc) Support in small business will definitely contribute significantly to the creation of jobs.

 However, it is not possible to state categorically how many jobs will be created through this

 programme in the 2016/17 financial year.

1. South African Tourism

 Running development programmes for small business and co-operatives is not within SA Tourism’s mandate

1. No.
2. No

(aa) - (cc) Not applicable