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**Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

With reference to tourism infrastructure projects (a) in the past three financial years and (b) since 1 April 2021, what (i) total amount was (aa) budgeted for and (bb) spent on each project, (ii) alternatives are in place of the ceased project respectively and (iii) had informed the initiation and/or implementation of each project and (c) on what date did each project (i) commence and/or (ii) end? NW1321E

**REPLY:**

The member is kindly referred to the tabled Annual Performance Reports and presentations to the Portfolio Committee on Tourism as well as the Minutes of the committee for the past three financial years.

1. **(1) 2018/19**  Refer to Annual Performance Report 2018/19 page 197-199

https://www.tourism.gov.za/AboutNDT/Publications/Department%20of%20Tourism%20Annual%20Report%202018-2019.pdf

**(2) 2019/20** Refer to Annual Performance Report 2019/20 Page 192 -195

https://www.tourism.gov.za/AboutNDT/Publications/Tourism%20Annual%20Report%202019-20.pdf

(3) **2020/21** Refer to Annual Performance Report 2020/21 Page 146 -148

https://www.tourism.gov.za/AboutNDT/Publications/Tourism%20Annual%20Report%2020-21.pdf

1. **Since April 2021** **the following infrastructure projects are outlined in the Department’s** **2021/22 Annual Performance Plan**
2. Infrastructure maintenance programme implemented in the National Parks :
3. (aa) Budget - See Table 1

(bb) Spent – The amount spent must still be audited

1. Not Applicable
2. The projects were approved for funding following an assessment made by SANParks on the infrastructure maintenance backlog and the need to enhance the tourism products within the parks.

Table 1

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| **NR** | **NATIONAL PARK** | **c (i) Date commenced and (ii) end** | **i (aa) BUDGET ALLOCATED****R ‘000** | **MAINTENANCE WORK (MAIN FOCUS AREAS)** |
| **1.** | Addo Elephant | Oct 2019-June 2022 | R 7.240 | Buildings & Services |
| **2.** | Camdeboo  | Oct 2019-June 2022 | Fences |
| **3.** | Mountain Zebra  | Oct 2019-June 2022 | Buildings & roads |
| **4** | Karoo  | Oct 2019-June 2022 | Fence & Buildings |
| **5.**  | Wilderness  | Oct 2019-June 2022 | R 4.322 | Buildings, bulk services & terrain rehabilitation |
| **6.**  | Knysna  | Oct 2019-June 2022 | Terrain rehabilitation |
| **7.**  | Tsitsikamma | Oct 2019-June 2022 | Buildings, bulk services  |
| **8.**  | Golden Gate  | Oct 2019-June 2022 | R 4.813 | Footpaths, fences, buildings & terrain rehabilitation |
| **9.**  | Marakele  | Oct 2019-June 2022 | Fences, roads & buildings |
| **10.** | Mapungubwe | Oct 2019-June 2022 | Buildings, bulk services |
| **11.**  | Kgalagadi  | Nov 2019- Dec 2022 | R 10.225 | Fences, buildings & roads |
| **12.**  | Namaqua  | March 2020 - June 2022 | Fences  |
| **13.**  | Ais Ais Richtersveld  | March 2020 - June 2022 | Buildings, terrain works |
| **14.**  | Augrabies  | Nov 2019- Dec 2022 | Buildings, terrain works |
| **15.**  | Agulhas  | Oct 2019-Dec 2022 | R 7.671 | Buildings, boardwalks |
| **16.**  | West Coast | Feb 2020-June 2022 | Buildings, roads |
| **17.**  | Table Mountain  | Sept 2020-Oct 2022 | Footpaths, hiking trails |
| **18.** | Bontebok | Feb 2020-June 2022 | Buildings & bulk services |
| **19.**  | Tankwa Karoo | Feb 2020-June 2022 | Buildings, services |
| **20.** | Nxanatseni CampMarula Camp | Nov 2020 – Dec 2022 | R 55.145 | Buildings, fences, roads, carpentry, electrical |

1. Infrastructure maintenance programme implemented in one state owned asset in all nine Provinces.

Built Environment Professional Service Providers have been appointed and conditional assessments have been completed. The projects are at concept and design development stage of the planning phase.

1. (aa) Budget

The final figures can only be known once successful contractors have been appointed as a competitive process must be followed.

(bb) Spent - Not applicable.

1. Not Applicable. There were no ceased provincial maintenance projects.
2. The projects were approved for funding following an assessment made by the provinces on their prioritised tourism products which required maintenance and enhancement.
3. On what date did each project (i) commence and/or (ii) end

 Not Applicable. Projects are in the early stages of planning.

1. Support the Implementation of Thirty Community-based Tourism Projects:

Projects 1 to 18 are the incomplete EPWP projects which are now being completed by the Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA).

1. LP Phiphidi Waterfall
2. LP The Oaks Lodge
3. MP Mnisi Resort
4. LP Ngove
5. LP Tisane
6. LP VhaTsonga
7. FS QwaQwa Guest House
8. FS Vredefort Dome
9. FS Monotsha
10. NW Manyane Lodge
11. NC Platfontein Lodge
12. NC Kamiesburg
13. KZN Muzi Pan
14. EC Maluti Hiking Trail
15. EC Mthonsi Lodge
16. EC Qatywa Lodge
17. EC Nyandeni Chalets
18. EC Western Tembuland

Projects 19 to 30 are at concept design and development planning stage. Built Environment Professional Service Providers have been appointed and conditional assessments have been completed.

1. NW Lotlamoreng Dam
2. LP Matsila Lodge
3. KZN Anton Lembede Museum eThekwini Municipality
4. NC McGregor Museum
5. KZN AmaHlubi Cultural Heritage
6. NC & NW Sol Plaatjie Museum
7. NW Lehurutshe Liberation Heritage Museum
8. MP Numbi Gate
9. LP Nandoni Dam
10. LP Tshathogwe Game Farm
11. LP Mtititi Game Farm
12. LP Mapate Recreational Social Tourism Facility
13. (aa) Budget

For processes that will include external service providers budget remains market sensitive and cannot be made public as it could undermine competitiveness.

(bb) Spent:

 Not applicable as service providers still need to be appointed.

(ii) What alternatives are in place of the ceased project respectively?

Projects 1 to 18 are the incomplete EPWP projects which are now being completed through the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) after the GTAC investigations and recommendations.

Projects 19 to 30 are new projects. Built Environment Professional Service Providers have been appointed and conditional assessments have been completed. The projects are in the concept and design development stages.

 (iii) What had informed the initiation and/or implementation of each project?

Project numbers 1 to 18 were approved for completion following the GTAC assessments which will be completed by the DBSA.

Projects numbers 19-30 were based on requests from beneficiaries, assessment of viability, availability of resources and support by their respective provincial departments and/or municipalities.

(c) On what date did each project (i) commence and/or (ii) end?

Projects 1 – 18: Projects construction work has not yet commenced. They are in the planning stages.

Projects 19 – 30: Not Applicable. Projects are in the early stages of planning.