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**Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

In light of the fact that the Khoi and San were the first indigenous nations in the Republic, what developments are being undertaken by her department in line with the Khoi and San heritage in the different tourist attractions in the Republic, such as in Lambert’s Bay and other areas that are of great significance to the Khoi and San? NW1821E

**REPLY:**

The Department of Tourism does not use cultural grouping as a criterion for selection of projects but rather implements transformational projects in destinations with the potential for more than one tourism project within the District Development Model.

The following projects do involve the Khoi and San communities:

* Interpretation Centre, signage and Narrative Development for the Khomani San Cultural Landscape in the Kgalagadi World Heritage Site (Local San communities in Rietfontein, Ashkam and Mier);
* Tourism Interpretative Signage in Richtersveld World Heritage Site Local San (Nama) communities, Khuboes and Lekkersing);
* The !Xaus Lodge in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier National Park (Local San (!Komani San) communities in Rietfontein, Ashkam and Mier);
* Mier Tourism SMME Incubator (Local San communities in Rietfontein, Ashkam and Mier);
* SANParks Infrastructure Maintenance Programme- (Local communities surrounding the National parks, i.e Richtersveld, Namakwa, Tankwa, Karoo, Kgalagadi, Augrabies, Bontebok, Agulhas, West Coast and Table Mountain);
* Capacity Building Workshops- (Namakwa and Upington); and
* SKA Science Visitor Centre - (Carnarvon, Vanwyksvlei, and Brandvlei).