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**Mr G R Krumbock (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What (a) are the relevant details of his department’s engagements with the Security Cluster to deal with the attacks on tourists and (b) steps has his department taken to implement a tourist safety plan? NW1749E

**Reply:**

(a) The National Tourist Safety Forum stakeholder engagements will culminate in formalised systems and procedures that will function in collaboration with the existing tourist safety structures at national, provincial, local and private sector levels. The Security Cluster is part of the key stakeholders at all levels. When finalised, the strategic document will encompass this key cluster.

(b) The Department of Tourism has prioritised tourist safety as one of the key focus areas that require immediate interventions. In the current (2018/2019) financial year, the Department has established a National Tourism Safety Forum (NTSF) that is driven in collaboration with all the key Tourism Sector stakeholders including the Security Cluster. The NTSF stakeholder engagements will culminate in formalised systems and procedures that will function in collaboration with the existing tourist safety structures at national, provincial, local and private sector levels.