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

(a) What number of officials within (i) her department and (ii) SA Tourism were found to be involved in criminal activities in each month (i) in the past three financial years and (ii) since 1 April 2022 to date, (b) on what date was each official found to be involved in such activities in each case, (c) how were the specified officials found to be involved in such activities in each case, (d) how were the specified officials found to have conducted illegal activities, (e) what is the nature of the specified activities in each case, (f) what number of the officials were referred to the SA Police Service and charged in each case and (g)(i) which of the specified officials paid back funds in each case and (ii) what were the amounts paid back in each case?

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**REPLY:**

1. (i) **Department**

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| (i) 2019/2020 | (i) 2020/2021 | (i) 2021/2022 | (ii) Since 1 April 2022 |
| 11 (eleven) | None | None | None |

1. A period between 2005 and 2014.
2. and (d) Transgressions were identified through a forensic investigation after AGSA audit

findings.

1. Contravention of PFMA provisions.
2. 11 Officials from the Department are implicated but to the department’s knowledge no one has been charged as yet as matters are still under police investigation.
3. (i) Currently, no money has been paid back as the police investigation is still underway.

(ii) Not applicable.

(a)(ii) South **Africa Tourism**

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| **(i) 2019/2020** | **(i) 2020/2021** | **(i) 2021/2022** | **(ii) Since 1 April 2022** |
| None | None | None | None |

(b) – (g) Not applicable