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**Mr A Matumba (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

(1) What are the reasons that she appointed certain persons (names and details furnished) as board members of SA Tourism after she was advised not to appoint them by the Portfolio Committee on Tourism;

(2) whether she has found that this is direct nepotism and capturing of the SA Tourism Board by a certain party and a certain company (names furnished); if not, why not; if so, what steps will she take to rectify the situation? NW2000E

**REPLY:**

(1) What are the reasons that she appointed certain persons (names and details furnished) as board members of SA Tourism after she was advised not to appoint them by the Portfolio Committee on Tourism?

 The appointments were made in accordance with Section 13 (b) of the Tourism Act, 2014. The said appointments were made prior to the Department’s appearance before the Portfolio Committee meeting which the Member is referencing.

(2) Whether she has found that this is direct nepotism and capturing of the SA Tourism Board by a certain party and a certain company (names furnished)

No, there is no nepotism and capturing of the SA Tourism Board. The Board members are appointed in Non-Executive positions.