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**Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

Whether she has considered the issue of the Republic being placed on the red list in the United Kingdom about eight months ago and how does she intend resolve the matter of inbound tourism into the Republic and mend relations between the two nations; if not, why not; if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) plans are in place to expedite the resolution of the matter?

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**REPLY:**

1. and (b)

The department is aware of the red list. However, the department does not agree that the red list is a reflection on or has a bearing on UK – South Africa relationship. The department, South African Tourism and the industry will embark on an advocacy project to ensure that information regarding South Africa’s and in particular the industry’s management of the pandemic and efforts o support ease of travel facilitation is provided to travel trade, consumers and other inbound tourism stakeholders. This will be targeted at all our priority markets to ensure confidence building.