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**Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

(1) (a) What is the extent of financial allocation to the Tourism Infrastructure Maintenance Programme and (b) how have the specified funds been utilised to improve tourism infrastructure in the Republic;

(2) whether she will furnish Ms H Ismail with (a) a comprehensive breakdown of the expenditure and its allocation to specific projects in each province and (b) an evaluation of the impact of the investments on the overall quality and accessibility of tourism infrastructure; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2289E

**REPLY:**

(1) (a) I have been informed by the Department that the extent of financial allocations to the Tourism Infrastructure Maintenance Programme is as Tabled below.

| **Tourism Infrastructure Maintenance in Annual Performance Plan 2023/24** | | | |
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| **Province** | **Projects** | **Number of projects** | **Total Value** |
| **Eastern Cape** | * Thomas Baines Nature Reserve * Baviaanskloof Nature Reserve * Double Mouth Nature Reserve * Oviston Nature Reserve * Mpofu and Fordyce Nature Reserve * Cwebe and Dwesa Nature Reserves | 6 | R23 155 555,45 |
| Free State | * Gariep Dam Resort * Maria Moroka Resort * Phillip Saunders Resort * Sterkfontein Dam Nature Reserve | 4 | R19 812 088,34 |
| **Limpopo** | * Makapans Valley WH * Nwanedi Nature Reserve * Blouberg Nature Reserve * Musina Nature Reserve * Modjadji Nature Reserve | 5 | R15 581 126,15 |
| **Mpumalanga** | * Manyeleti Nature Reserve * Andover Nature Reserve * Songimvelo Nature Reserve * SS Skosana Nature Reserve | 4 | R14 806 055,98 |
| **Western Cape** | * Khayelitsha Lookout Hill * De Hoop Nature Reserve * Wolvekloof Nature Reserve * Cedarberg Wilderness * Goukamma Nature Reserve * Kogelberg Nature Reserve | 6 | R21 602 105,31 |

(b) **How have the specified funds been utilised to improve tourism infrastructure in the Republic**.

The funds have been utilised for infrastructure maintenance at the sites listed in the table above. These state owned provincial sites are tourism assets.

(2) (a) **A comprehensive breakdown of the expenditure and its allocation to specific projects in each province**

| **Province** | **Projects** | **Budget (Including maintenance and professional service provider fees)** | **Current Expenditure** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Eastern Cape** | 1. Thomas Baines Nature Reserve | R3 846 954,33 | R720 078,92 |
| 1. Baviaanskloof Nature Reserve | R3 495 172,70 | R967 795,03 |
| 1. Double Mouth Nature Reserve | R3 495 172,70 | R1 992 618,51 |
| 1. Oviston Nature Reserve | R3 471 831,27 | R1 501 562,87 |
| 1. Mpofu and Fordyce Nature Reserve | R4 224 132,34 | R160 629,65 |
| 1. Cwebe and Dwesa Nature Reserves | R4224132,34 | R54 183,61 |
| **Free State** | 1. Gariep Dam Resort | R4 953 022,08 | R128 592,70 |
| 1. Maria Moroka Resort | R4 953 022,08 | R128 592,70 |
| 1. Phillip Saunders Resort | R4 953 022,08 | R328 736,18 |
| 1. Sterkfontein Dam Nature Reserve | R4 953 022,08 | R814 239,23 |
| **Limpopo** | 1. Makapans Valley WH | R3 116 225,23 | R1 784 311,46 |
| 1. Nwanedi Nature Reserve | R3 116 225,23 | R1 993 254,48 |
| 1. Blouberg Nature Reserve | R3 116 225,23 | R2 150 442,00 |
| 1. Musina Nature Reserve | R3 116 225,23 | R1 864 144,17 |
| 1. Modjadji Nature Reserve | R3 116 225,23 | R2 142 211,68 |
| **Mpumalanga** | 1. Manyeleti Nature Reserve | R3 701 514,00 | R2 302 675,88 |
| 1. Andover Nature Reserve | R3 701 514,00 | R2 305 689,40 |
| 1. Songimvelo Nature Reserve | R3 701 514,00 | R2 792 223,71 |
| 1. SS Skosana Nature Reserve | R3 701 514,00 | R2 475 707,10 |
| **Western Cape** | 1. Khayelitsha Lookout Hill | R3 600 350.89 | R2 390 511,14 |
| 1. De Hoop Nature Reserve | R3 600 350.89 | R1 046 725,70 |
| 1. Wolvekloof Nature Reserve | R3 600 350.89 | R1 787 692,35 |
| 1. Cedarberg Wilderness | R3 600 350.89 | R1 466 089,98 |
| 1. Goukamma Nature Reserve | R3 600 350.89 | R1 828 543,97 |
| 1. Kogelberg Nature Reserve | R3 600 350.89 | R2 007 848,37 |

(b) **An evaluation of the impact of the investments on the overall quality** **and accessibility of tourism infrastructure; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details**

The maintenance projects serve to improve the condition of existing tourism infrastructure. Public infrastructure assets are critical for economic development, maintenance extends the life and efficiency of public infrastructure assets.