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

(a) How has the crime stats affected the tourism trends in the Republic in the past three years and (b) what are the details of her department’s efforts to ensure that tourism is not affected by the crime trends in the Republic? NW2292E

**REPLY:**

1. and (b)

Engagements with both trade and media in the markets indicate that crime is a factor in tourist decision making. To this end, the department working with South African Police Services put in place and implemented the Tourism Safety Strategy. However, it is encouraging that respondents to the exit survey conducted on departing inbound tourists through South African Tourism, indicate a higher level of satisfaction with the levels of safety in the country based on their experiences.