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

With reference to the assistance offered to community museums by her department, (a) under what programme does the specified assistance fall, (b) what are the qualifying criteria for communities to apply for this assistance, (c) what are the details of assistance to community museums that is offered by her department and (d) how do communities apply for the assistance? NW2394E

**REPLY:**

1. The specified assistance falls under Programme 3: Destination Development
2. This is not a formal funding programme with set qualifying criteria. The Department regularly receives requests for assistance from various organisations and entities which includes community owned facilities. Support is provided where possible provided that there is alignment with the overall strategic objectives of the Department and resource availability.
3. For the projects listed in the 2020/21 APP, a needs analysis was conducted to determine what enhancement interventions are necessary for these museums to attract more visitors. These interventions include improving exhibitions, training guides, improving signage, revamping some structures and improving the overall visitor experience.
4. Currently there is no call for communities to apply for assistance. The Department prioritised five community museums for enhancement and will review this assistance once work on these projects is concluded.