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**Mr D F Mthenjane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What steps has she taken to ensure that the post-COVID-19 tourism sector is more representative of all the racial groups in the Republic, instead of seemingly being dominated by white persons? NW23E

**REPLY:**

Government’s transformation policy and in particular the Implementation of the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act is central to the rollout of departmental programmes. Furthermore, the department implements programmes aimed at supporting black people’s participation in ownership, management control, skills development and enterprise development amongst others. The department’s programmes have by design a footprint in the rural areas of our country. The department will continue along this path to ensure that black people are part of the tourism sector post Covid-19 pandemic. Among other interventions on working towards transformation of the sector, we launched the Tourism Equity Fund.