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

With the reported merger of BrandSA and SA Tourism, what steps are being taken to (a) introduce a smooth transition for employees of the specified entities and (b) prevent having an overbloated staff structure? NW3664E

**REPLY:**

1. and (b) In light of the fact that such a process will have implications for affected parties, e.g.

 employees it is prudent that the relevant information will be made available upon conclusion

 of the whole process.

These are some of the issues that will be considered in the merger. It is not at this stage the intention nor the indication that jobs will be lost. The purpose of the merger is a decision taken in the Cabinet meeting of 9 June 2021 that there should be a cut down on the number of entities so that there is a consolidation of purpose. The intention was never about cutting off of jobs.