**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY:**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY:**

**Question Number: 3099**

**Date of Publication: 16 September 2022**

**NA IQP Number: 33**

**Date of reply: 27 October 2022**

**Mr I M Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

(1) Whether her department, as the custodian of Tourism in the Republic, has established any **functional mechanisms** to ensure that all government departments (a) support and protect the promotion of internal and international tourism and (b) protect the tourism infrastructure and heritage; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether she will make a statement on the matter? NW3799E

**REPLY:**

(1) (a) and (b)

The Department and SA Tourism work with Provinces and Local Government through the MINMEC structures. The Department also works with sister departments as well as entities at a National level through the government clusters and bilateral mechanisms. Furthermore, the Department convenes the National Tourism Stakeholder Forum (NTSF) which is a platform that amongst others enables engagements between industry and the various departments that contribute to tourism growth and development. These platforms cover the entire spectrum of matters pertaining to tourism growth and development including marketing and promotion of destination South Africa, product development and enhancement amongst others in as far as government’s role is concerned.

(2) No