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

Whether, considering that the tourism industry, which has been a jewel in the crown of the Republic for decades and contributing billions of Rands to the fiscus while providing millions of jobs, was decimated when COVID-19 arrived (details furnished), and noting that good and dynamic policy is needed to mitigate and conquer the challenges of crime and unpredictable electricity and water that is slowing the recovery of the tourism industry, her department will provide a comprehensive timeline for the drafting and **implementation o**f the **new overall policy for tourism** in the Republic; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW4861E

**REPLY:**

The internal drafting of a new Green Paper for tourism has been finalised and external consultations on the draft are being undertaken. It is intended to finalise the consultations at the end of the 2022/23 financial year.

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