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**Mr J Vos (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism**

(1) How many (a) direct and (b) indirect jobs respectively have been created in the tourism industry in (i) 2013, (ii) 2014 and (iii) 2015 respectively;

(2) how much did tourism contribute to the country’s gross domestic product during (a) 2013, (b) 2014 and (c) 2015 respectively;

(3) what is the detailed breakdown of international arrivals at the (a) Cape Town International, (b) O R Tambo International and (c) King Shaka International airports in (i) 2013, (ii) 2014 and (iii) 2015 respectively?

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**REPLY**:

(1) How many (a) direct and (b) indirect jobs respectively have been created in the tourism industry in (i) 2013, (ii) 2014 and (iii) 2015 respectively;

**(a) Direct contribution to jobs**

The latest figures available from Statistics South Africa (StatsSA) are provisional figures for 2014. Estimates from the World Travel and Tourism Council were used to report on 2015.

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| **Job Creation**  | 1. **2013**
 | 1. **2014**
 | 1. **2015 estimate**
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| Direct Jobs  | 655 587 | 680 817 | 705,600 |

Source: 2013 and 2014: Tourism Satellite Account, StatsSA. 2015: WTTC 2015 estimates.

**(b) Total contribution to employment (direct and indirect)**

It should be noted that StatsSA does not measure the total contribution of tourism to employment (direct and indirect contribution). Figures and estimates from WTTC were used to report on this indicator. However, WTTC does not release figures on the indirect contribution alone, therefore figures reported below is for total contribution which includes both direct and indirect contribution.

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| **Job Creation**  | 1. **2013**
 | 1. **2014**
 | 1. **2015 estimate**
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| Total contribution to employment (Direct and indirect)  | 1 437 500 | 1 497 600 | 1 551 400 |

Source: WTTC

(2) how much did tourism contribute to the country’s gross domestic product during (a) 2013, (b) 2014 and (c) 2015 respectively

It should be noted that the contribution of tourism to GDP is reported for direct as well as for total contribution (direct and indirect). StatsSA only measures the direct contribution to GDP and the latest figures available are 2014 provisional figures. Therefore figures reported below for direct contribution in 2013 and 2014 were sourced from StatsSA. WTTC estimates were used to report on the direct contribution to GDP for 2015 as well as the direct and indirect contribution from 2013 to 2015.

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| **Contribution to GDP** | 1. **2013**
 | 1. **2014**
 | 1. **2015 estimate**
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| Direct  | R101,7 billion | R111,6 billion | R117,8 billion |
| Direct and indirect | R345,7 billion | R357,0 billion | R369.3 billion |

Source: Source: 2013 and 2014: Tourism Satellite Account, StatsSA. 2015: WTTC 2015 estimates.

(3**)** International tourist arrivals

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| **Airport** | 1. **2013**
 | 1. **2014**
 | 1. **2015**
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| 1. Cape Town

International Airport | 461,186 | 524,131 | 557,050 |
| 1. OR Tambo

International Airport | 2,656,222 | 2,001,365 | 1,932,096 |
| 1. King Shaka

International Airport  | 35,920 | 38,449 | 37,162 |

Source: Statistics SA