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**Mrs T G Mpambo-Sibhukwana (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism :**

(a) What investigations into the suspension of a certain person (details furnished) have been undertaken, (b) on what date did the specified investigations commence, (c) who is undertaking the investigations, (d) what are the costs of the investigations so far, (e) by what date will a final report in this regard be finalised and (f) why have no charges been laid to date against the specified person? NW1731E

**Reply:**

1. **What investigations into the suspension of a certain person (details furnished) have been undertaken**

A forensic investigation was instituted following allegations of impropriety made against the person received through the SA Tourism whistle-blowing hotline and protected disclosure.

1. **On what date did the specified investigations commence**

6 May 2019

1. **Who is undertaking the investigations**

Bowmans’ Forensic Investigations

1. **What are the costs of the investigations so far**

The costs will be communicated in due course once process is concluded

1. **By what date will a final report in this regard be finalised**

 As Minister I gave concurrence to the request from board on the 15 July 2019

1. **Why have no charges been laid to date against the specified person**

The specified person has been charged. An internal disciplinary enquiry is set-down for 5 – 10 days in the month of September 2019.