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**Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What were the reasons for the delay in the publication of the tourism sector recovery report?

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**REPLY:**

There were no delays in the publication of the tourism sector recovery report. The Tourism Sector Recovery Plan (TSRP) was developed as a three-year sector-wide framework to guide the path to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan was published for public comments in August 2020, approved by Cabinet for implementation on 21 April 2021 and launched by the Minister of Tourism on 22 April 2021. A critical approach to the plan was the involvement of public and private sector players in the drafting process and the allocation of actions to various partners as appropriate for the implementation.

For purposes of delivering on the Plan, the Department of Tourism and its entity South African Tourism translated the relevant actions to the respective Annual Performance Plans of the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years and this will continue in 2023/24. Progress on the relevant plans thus gets reflected through quarterly reports tabled to Parliament on a regular basis. As the plan is aligned to the Economic Recovery Plan, quarterly reporting is also done by the Department into the Government Cluster system.

In order to monitor implementation, the Department initiated the process of reporting by provinces and the private sector on the three Pillars, seven Strategic Interventions and four Enablers of the TSRP as applicable. The information generated is synthesised to help support overall reporting and is not envisaged to generate separate reports.