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

(a) What (i) number and (ii) percentage of international tourists have (aa) postponed their visits to the Republic and (bb) cancelled their visits amidst the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the Republic and (b) how does she intend to ensure that both (i) local and (ii) international tourism improve once the current situation has been resolved? NW899E

**Reply:**

1. (i) and (ii)(aa) Number and percentage of international tourist that have **postponed** their visits to the Republic

**Information not available**

1. and (ii)(bb) Number and percentage of international tourist that have **cancelled** their visits to the Republic

**Information not available**

1. (i) How will the minister ensure that **local tourism** improve once the current situation has been resolved

(ii)How will the minister ensure that **international tourism** improve once the current situation has been resolved?

The Department and SA Tourism are currently developing a recovery plan which will be centred around three strategic objectives of; re-igniting demand, rejuvenating supply and strengthening enabling capability. The gathering of information and inputs is currently underway through industry webinars and this will assist in further development and finalising of the plan. Initial indications are that the Recovery will be led by Domestic, then Regional and ultimately International, what is currently unknown are the durations of both the phases and pace of the recovery.