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**Mr A Matumba (EFF) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

What total (a) number of small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) were supported by her department to exhibit in Meetings Africa 2023 and (b) budget was spent to support SMMEs to participate in the specified event? NW970E

**REPLY:**

(a) I have been informed by the Department that the total number of small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) that were supported by the Department to exhibit in Meetings Africa 2023 were Eighteen (18).

(b) Participation and exhibition cost of R1 065 552,95 has been paid by the Department.

 The Department is awaiting final invoices for the approved flights and accommodation of supported enterprises, as well as outstanding claims from some of the supported enterprises for costs incurred on ground transport and shuttle services.

 Thus the total estimated cost of support for the 18 enterprises that participated at Meetings Africa 2023 is not finalised.