



PARLIAMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**A TOURISM
PERSPECTIVE ON
THE 2012 STATE OF
THE NATION
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AREAS THAT HAVE A DIRECT AND INDIRECT IMPACT ON TOURISM

SoNA 2011

- Increasing Tourist access Through flexible visa requirements;
- Improved landing slots at foreign airports and
- Improved Tourism infrastructure.
- The importance of Public Private Partnerships.
- The importance of the Cultural sector.
- The role of state owned enterprises and development finance Institutions.
- The support for Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SME).
- The introduction of the New Growth Path for meaningful economic transformation and inclusive growth.

SoNA 2012

- Infrastructure Development: Airports Electricity; Roads; Railway (mining)
- Institutional and governance issues.
- Northwest intervention on roads and basic infrastructure.
- Square Kilometer Array (SKA) radio telescope
- Heritage and cultural heritage refocus (projects)

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PROGRESS ON 2011 SONA

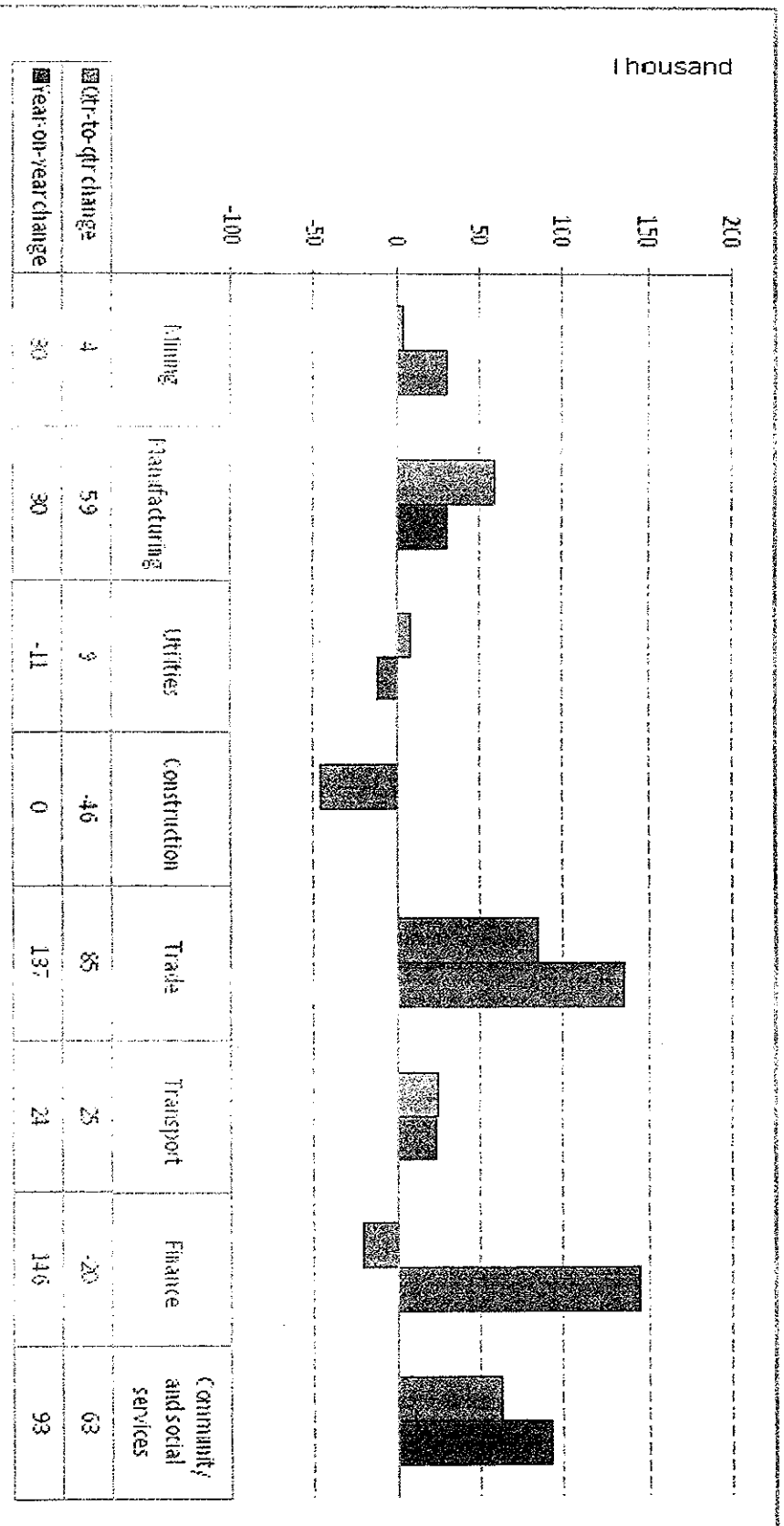
- Steady progress in various areas such as health; education; the fight against crime; energy; water provision, and rural development.
- Improved Landing slots in foreign airports.
- Expanded Public Works Programme.

**PROGRESS ON 2011 SONA
CONTINUED...**

- Merger between Khula; the South African Micro-Finance Apex Fund (SAMAF) and the IDC was still to be finalised by National Treasury and DPSA (1.5 billion used by IDC)
- National Conventions Bureau (MICE)
- Flexible Visa Requirements
- 365 000 people Employed.

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PROGRESS ON 2011 SONA CONT... (EMPLOYMENT TRENDS PER SECTOR)



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT: AIRPORTS; ELECTRICITY AND ROADS.

- Accessibility to tourist attraction areas.
- Conducive environment for business investments and entrepreneurship.
- Job opportunities.
- Reasonable services.

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INSTITUTIONAL AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- Intergovernmental relations.
- Alignment of the three spheres of Government.
- Accountability.
- Transparency.
- Responsiveness.
- Consultation.
- Public Participation.

HERITAGE AND CULTURAL PROJECTS

- More investment towards cultural and heritage Tourism.
- Revitalise the heritage and cultural tourism.
- Benefit poor and rural communities.

SQUARE KILOMETRE ARRAY(SKA) RADIO TELESCOPE

- Endorsed 2003; Astronomy Geographic Advantage Programme.
- Benefits:
 - Education tourism,
 - Financial investments,
 - Technological exposure,
 - Capacity building.

IMPLICATIONS FOR PARLIAMENT FOR 2012

- Close monitoring of tourism-linked infrastructure development through EPWP.
- Constant engagements with the Department of Tourism with regard to Cultural Tourism.
- There is a need for the Committee to monitor the different programmes pioneered by the department to attract investors for infrastructure development in rural areas.
- Parliament needs to oversee that there is alignment in the promotion of events which take place in the different provinces.

IMPLICATIONS FOR PARLIAMENT FOR 2012 CONTINUED

- Parliament needs to have an ongoing review and dialogue with key stakeholders (The Department of Tourism; TEP; IDC) about creating a business environment that encourages entrepreneurship.
- Parliament needs to continuously engage with the department on the protection and conservation of sites that are of tourism significant.
- Parliament needs to ascertain that intergovernmental relations for tourism growth and development are well underway.
 - E.g.: Foreign Affairs; Cooperative Governance; Public Enterprise; Transport; etc.

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IMPLICATIONS FOR PARLIAMENT FOR 2012 CONTINUED...

- Parliament need to oversee that the different provinces also adhere to the 30-day payment period for services.
- Parliament needs to constantly advocate for domestic tourism marketing and development.
- Parliament needs to continuously engage with the department on the protection and conservation of sites that are of tourism significant.

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IMPLICATIONS FOR PARLIAMENT FOR 2012 CONTINUED

- Parliament needs to find out how many companies in the tourism industry were recipients of the Job creation Fund by IDC.
- Parliament needs to be more diligent in the oversight process

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