

MINISTER OF TOURISM

QUESTION NO.250 FOR ORAL REPLY: NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

A draft reply to Mr LP Khoarai (ANC) to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

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NATIONAL PARLIAMENT
(For Oral Reply)

QUESTION NO. 250

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Mr LP Khoarai (ANC) to ask the Minister of Tourism:

Whether his department funded any of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) projects in the Free State; if so, (a) which projects and (b) what are the further relevant details?

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THE MINISTER OF TOURISM ANSWERS:

Yes.

1. Details are as follows:

CURRENT ACTIVE PROJECTS:

Fezile Dabi District Municipality:

Project Name	Description
FS - Interpretation Centre	Construction of an information and tourism centre, upgrading and maintenance of roads, build stalls along the road to the dome and public parking.

Lejweleputse District Municipality

Project Name	Description
FS - Information and Business Centre	Construct: Administration Offices, Conference room, Internet Cafe and Ablutions.
FS - Winnie Mandela House Project	Development of the Winnie Mandela House Museum. The museum will depict the life of Mrs Mandela during the time she was banished to Brandfort, how she lived and community projects she was involved in.
FS - Tokologo Game Farming	The Boshof-Tokologo Caravan Park project in Boshof will erect a 1 kilometre 1.8 meter high razor mesh fence enclosing the caravan park, build a 10 bed rondavel type lodge in the caravan park, remove 400 big tree aliens inside the caravan park

Motheo District Municipality:

Project Name	Description
FS - Lekgalong La Mantsopa	Rehabilitation of the cave church, Rehabilitation of the fountain, Rehabilitation of the grave site, upgrading of existing weir/bridge, Research study of Mantsopa and production of an information brochure, Construction of an open air amphitheatre, Upgrading of information office, Upgrading of access roads sites, Landscaping and greening of the sites, Signage to the sites, Erection of Mantsopa memorial stone as well as her monument.
FS - Road Signage for Tourism Attractions	Development of a database of signage needs in Motheo District Municipality and erection of tourism signage as per the developed data base for the district municipality.
Baralong B Seleka Village	Develop a Cultural Village consisting of a museum, Arts and Craft market, Traditional Restaurant and an Amphitheater.

IP – 2010 Tourism Visitors Information Centre	Renovate existing buildings into a visitors centre.
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Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality:

Project Name	Description
FS - Accommodation Facilities at Metsi Matsho Dam	Accommodation facilities at Metsi Matsho with self catering, overnight accommodation and restaurant.
FS - Black Water Fly Fishing and Trout	Establishing a fly-fishing resort, a trout hatchery and River Rangers to secure fish stock and limit poaching and marketing of the trout from the hatchery.
FS - Building a Guesthouse in Qwa-Qwa.	Site Works, construction of a Guesthouse with 32 bed chalets, guard house, main building, access road, staff accommodation and install the furniture and fittings of the buildings.
FS - Infrastructure Development Through Monontsha.	Upgrade a municipal road that leads to the Community Tourism and Craft Project in Monontsha.
FS - Maluti Thusa Bato Trail	Site works, construction of ten 20 bed chalets, a conference room with ablution facilities, office block and an entrance gate.
FS - Development of Cave Route.	Develop Cave Route Hiking Trails over a distance of 70 kilometres on the Maluti Mountains located within the Thabo Mafutsanyana District Municipality.
FS - Sentinel Peak Car Park Access/Upgrade Project	Construct a car park and access road on the Sentinel Peak. The peak is the highest on the Drakensburg Mountain. It is the most frequented tourist attraction in the area.
FS - Establishment of Central Communication Centre Project	Establish communication center at Maluti Phofung which includes an operations room, briefing room, press room and a help centre.
FS - Eastern Free State Tourism Road Signage	To develop tourism signage in four local municipalities namely Dihlabeng, Nketoane, Maluti-a-Phofung and Setsoto within Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality.
FS - Community Tourism and Crafts	To develop a tourist attraction at the foot of the historical Wetsi Cave. The project includeS the development of a Community Tourism and Craft Centre consisting of the following: A reception area with a shop, formal public toilets, craft workshop, secure parking area, new roof for existing structure, improved foot path and marketing material.
FS - Witsieshoek Mountain Hotel Project	Re-establishment of the Memel hotel and construction of additional rooms.

Xhariep District Municipality:

Project Name	Description
FS-Establishment of the Xhariep Complex Initiative.	Construction of a Crafts Centre, a restaurant with ablution facilities, a Workshop, a Guard Hut and an Administration Block.

2. Other projects that were ceded to the National Department of Tourism from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism:

Fezile Dabi District Municipality:

Project Name	Description
Vredefort Dome Structure	The Dome Area possesses unique physical features with historical and scientific origins of world renown offering vast opportunities in the development of tourism and enormous potential for the socio-economic upliftment of all persons dependent on it for their livelihood and well-being. There is a danger that the very features that attract visitors and investors will diminish in value and result in a negative impact on the future growth and sustainability of the area. However, because the future of the economy of the area is governed largely by the dictates of its many role players i.e. land owners, it is imperative that the status quo of the area be evaluated and policies then be formulated to provide a co-ordinated programme for future development and management.
Northern Free State Tourism Information Offices.	Three Tourism Information Offices established alongside the national highways serving the Kroonstad and Villiers areas - 2 on the N3 and 1 on the N1.

Lejweleputse District Municipality

Project Name	Description
Goldfields Tourism Route	Erected signage directing tourists to tourist info-centres and clock tower in Welkom. Placed signage in the Lejweletutswa area directing tourists to the local places of interest giving priority to African Culture Heritage Sites.

Motheo District Municipality:

Project Name	Description
Bloemfontein/ThabaNchu Heritage Route.	Identified the tourist attractions and heritage sites. Designed signage to the sites. Manufacture and erect the signage. Market the tourist route.
Botshabelo Crafts Centre	Established and constructed a Craft Centre adjacent to the N8, to be used for the purposes of shops, exhibition hall, ablution facilities crafts and restaurant (traditional foods).
Izandla Safaris	Developed a nature reserve with accommodation facilities and tourist accommodation at beautiful tourist attractions in the area, to conserve nature, the beautiful scenery and other tourist attractions as well as animal species that appear naturally in the area.

Ladybrand Tourist Offices	Renovate the building into tourist info office. Equip office with furniture and electrical appliances. Erect signage to office. Train "service" people in tourism awareness. Train tour guides.
Maluti Route	Signage erected along the Maluti Route on the Free State section from Rouxville, where it linked up with the signage that erected in the North Eastern Cape section of the route.
Mangaung - Batho Market Place	Developed an Arts and Craft centre. Demolished existing structure and built new building. Centre consists of: Tourist information centre Stalls for Arts and Craft Vendors.Traditional restaurant. Train locals in certain arts and crafts.
Mangaung Route	A Tourist Info-Centre will be built in the Batho Market Place. A brochure on the Mangaung Tourist Route developed. Tour guides trained to take tourists around the routes. Signage from main roads to tourist centres manufactured and erected .

Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality

Project Name	Description
AP1 - Caledon Fly Rods and Flies	The project trains women in the art of building flyrods and tying saltwater flies for the international market. The existing factory facilities will be upgrade by paving outside, decorating inside and extending the current ablutions/change house.
Clarens Arts and Crafts and Information Centre	Establishment of an African Cultural Village comprising of Reception/African information centre, Curio Shop, Kraal for dancing and story-telling, Restaurant catering for typical African foods, 3 Rondavels to accommodate tourists in traditional style,Workshop.
Clarens Fly Tying Factory	The project trains women in the art of building 499 520 flyrods and tying saltwater flies for the international market. The existing factory facilities will be upgrade by paving outside, decorating inside and extending the current ablutions/change house.
Harrismith Tourism Office	A centre of learning established, to initiate self-help programmes.
Intabazwe Route	Erection of signage for the Intabazwe route. Production of brochures. Develop book about African history.
Mautsendal Basotho Cultural Village	Training centre established. Establishment of a taxi rank, petrol and diesel bays for taxis, ablution facilities, 10 trade stalls, tourist info centre and shop, basutho crafts transfer centre, clothing factory, signage and community hall.
River Ranger – Clarens	Train 10 members of HDI near the Small Caledon river to mange and guide tourists and flyfishers.

Xhariep District Municipality

Project Name	Description
Gariiep Dam Crafts Centre	Renovate existing office. Equipping existing office. Produce a tourism brochure. .Employ one extra staff member to be trained in marketing. Marketing the tourist attractions in the area.
Gariiep Tourist Offices	Signage erected to create a clear and well defined Intabazwe Tourist Route. Brochures produced and placed at the Harrismith tourist Office. Development of signage for the rock art project.
Mulberry Studio	Upgrading of Tourist Road
Phillipolis Tourist Offices	Establishment of a tourist office. Renovate the building. Equip the office. Erect signage. Train staff and labour.
Smithfield Tourist Office	Train 10 members from the local previously disadvantaged people who live near the Small Caledon River to manage and guide tourists fly fishers both national and international consumption.

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