

The latest from Department of Tourism

23 July 2020

The full speech is included in the attachment. Excerpts included below.

UIF:

Working together with the Tourism Business Council of South Africa (TBCSA)....

TERS has so far disbursed R34-billion in 7.4-million payments since March this year and the announcement by Minister Nxesi of the extension until 15th August.....

SMME Tourism Relief Fund:

we redirected R 200 million which assisted 4 000 businesses...

the benefit is spread geographically across the country to cover even businesses in small dorpias and townships as per the discussions in the portfolio committee.....

the noise of the naysayers confused and discouraged even those who qualified for the grant not to apply because they were being told that the relief was specifically for Black people. This was not true.....

Tourist Guide Relief Fund:

reprioritised our budget to put together the Tourist Guides Relief Fund....

we have set aside a total of R30 million to provide financial relief for freelance tourist guides over a period of two to three months.....

we have received a list of 9380 tourist guides from the provinces and we are finalising the verification process to start paying the eligible beneficiaries.....

\*For those guides that are already calculating that R30M divided by 9380 (that is actually 380 guides more than what the #NFTGA estimated would be registered and active in South Africa), yes, that calculates at R3198.29 each.

Read until the end of the quote.... it say that 9380 were received, and the VERIFICATION PROCESS is being finalised.

The number should drop significantly, as there are guides that have received UIF and other forms of Financial Relief, bringing the total number of eligible guides closer to the magic number of 6 666. The number that corresponds to the R4500 (R1500 x 3) that has been mentioned on several occasions.

[https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-mmamoloko-kubayi-ngubane-tourism-dept-budget-vote-202021-22-jul-2020-0000?fbclid=IwAR3GRp-28dudo1vI8UaGM5BcNxkhaae\\_QexZ5yIlt\\_PiWRuY0F6muGqCnTQ](https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-mmamoloko-kubayi-ngubane-tourism-dept-budget-vote-202021-22-jul-2020-0000?fbclid=IwAR3GRp-28dudo1vI8UaGM5BcNxkhaae_QexZ5yIlt_PiWRuY0F6muGqCnTQ)