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Ms S A Luthuli (KwaZulu-Natal: EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

What measures are in place to secure jobs in the maritime industry in KwaZulu-Natal following the adverse effects of the lockdown on the tourism industry (details furnished)?

841. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

The lockdown as a result of Covid-19, certainly had an adverse negative impact on the entire maritime sector, including the tourism industry. The government departments responsible for the respective sub-sectors of the Oceans Economy developed economic recovery plans, with input from stakeholders, to address some of the constraints in order to stabilise these sub-sectors and to sustain the current jobs and investments as far as possible. In this regard, the Minister of Tourism announced an intervention and made funding available to assist the tourism industry, in particular Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises. As the lockdown regulations were gradually eased, the Local Authorities, as the Competent Authorities in the coastal areas, have been opening up the beaches with the necessary

precautions to allow people and informal traders access to these areas and the resumption of economic activities.

Regards



**MS B D CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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