The Hotels and Restaurants sector serves as a proxy to the tourism sector and it remains a priority sector under NDP5. The contribution of hotels and restaurants to GDP in 2018 was 2.0 percent compared to 2.2 percent recorded in 2017 whereas 2.1 percent was registered in 2016.

The Rooms’ Occupancy Index recorded 148.4 basis points in October 2019 compared to 142.6 basis points recorded in September 2019 whereas 164.8 basis points were registered in October 2018. This represents an increase of 4.0 percent m/m and a decline of 10.0 percent y/y.

The Beds’ Occupancy Index registered 147.2 basis points during October 2019 while in September 2019 the index stood at 141.2 basis as compared to 156.3 basis points recorded for October 2018. This represents an increase of 4.3 percent m/m and a decline of 5.8 percent y/y.

The Index for Regional and International Arrivals recorded 131.6 basis points in October 2019 compared to 150.7 basis points registered in September 2019 whereas 163.1 basis points were registered in October 2018. This represents declines of 12.7 percent m/m and 19.3 percent y/y.

The Regional and International Departures Index for October 2019 stood at 131.8 basis points while 139.5 basis points were recorded in the preceding month whereas 169.5 basis points were registered for October 2018. This represents declines of 5.5 percent m/m and 22.2 percent y/y.

Regional Arrivals refers to visitors coming from both SADC and Other African countries
Regional Departures refers to visitors departing from both SADC and Other African countries
Table 1: The indices of international arrivals and departures; and of beds and rooms occupancy rates

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**Methodology**

**Background:** The room and bed occupancy indices and the arrivals and departures indices serves as a proxy to the tourism sector, a priority sector under NDP5.

**Data sources:** Namibia Airports Company and Hospitality Association of Namibia.

**Base year:** 2010