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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 2151

Mr M J Cuthbert (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- 1) Whether he will furnish Mr M Cuthbert with a list of official overseas trips that a certain person (name furnished) has taken during her tenure at his department, including the (a) cost, (b) destination and (c) purpose of each trip; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- 2) whether the specified person ever received any gifts from Ithuba; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- 3) whether the gifts were declared to his department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? [NW2716E]

REPLY

- 1) I am advised that according to the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**) records, the specified person travelled overseas as detailed below and that all trips undertaken were aligned to the functions for which the official is responsible and were duly authorised by the delegated authority.

No	Destination (b)	Date	Cost (a) in Rand (R)	Purpose of each trip (c)
1	Boston	Oct 2011	73 727,00	Learning and development intervention.
2	Beijing and Shanghai	Nov 2011	61 661,00	Attended the SA EXPO in Beijing and Shanghai as part of the Dept's trade promotion programme.
3	Boston	Mar 2012	73 596,00	Learning and development intervention.
4	Boston	Apr 2013	63 296,00	Attended the 2013 Governance, Risk Management and Compliance Summit.

5	Kuala Lumpur	Jun 2013	35 454,00	Invited to attend The Global Summit for Women 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
6	Brazil	Aug 2013	57 077,00	Conducted an international benchmarking study in Brazil pertaining to Public Entities and Statutory Institutions.
7	Washington	Nov 2013	75 843,00	Attended the 17 th Annual KM World Conference & Exposition in Washington.
8	Paris	Jun 2014	59 026,00	Attended the Global Summit of Women in Paris.
9	Washington	Jul 2014	77 898,00	Attended and participated in the AGOA Forum and the business engagements on the margins of US-Africa Leaders' Summit. Provided support to the Minister.
10	Brazil	Oct 2014	69 708,00	Led the delegation for the 6th Investment and Trade Initiative (ITI) in Brazil.
11	Washington	Nov 2014	96 567,39	Learning and Development Conference in Washington.
12	Atlanta and Santa Fe	Jul 2015	100 311,72	Trade promotion programme to Atlanta & Santa Fe. Supported the Deputy Minister.
13	California and St Louis	Oct 2015	104 453,72	Learning and Development intervention. Also met with Showroom Management Company regarding the trade promotion Hub in Atlanta.
14	Hong Kong	Mar 2016	60 916,72	Participated in the Trade Promotion Expo.
15	Atlanta	Jul 2016	119 081,23	Participated and attended the trade promotion programme in Atlanta.
16	Moscow	Sept 2016	48 688,23	Attended and participated in the national Pavilion in Moscow.
17	Washington	Nov 2016	64 713,23	Learning and development intervention.
18	Atlanta and Miami	Nov 2016	100 375,23	Participated in the trade promotion programme.
19	San Diego	Apr 2017	125 456,23	Meeting with institutional buyers regarding the trade promotion programme.
20	Doha Qatar	Apr 2017	60 793,23	Attended the International Conference on Chemical

				Disarmament and Security as part of council function.
21	Atlanta	Jul 2017	97 586,29	Participated in the Trade Promotion programme.
22	Atlanta	Jan 2018	80 163,29	Participated in the Trade Promotion programme.
23	Atlanta	Jul 2018	64 021,68	Participated in the Trade Promotion programme.
24	New York, Philadelphia and Orlando	Oct 2018	119 116,68	Participated in the outward mission as part of the Trade Promotion programme.
25	Atlanta	Sept 2019	90 927,93	Facilitated the Trade Promotion project closure.
26	Geneva, Germany and the United Kingdom	Nov 2019	101 427,93	Part of SABS administration function to address a session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardisation Policies and undertook benchmarking visits to the British Standards Institute (BSI), German National Standards Body (DIN) and Swiss Standards Body (SNV).

- 2) The specified person received the following gifts from Ithuba in 2016 when representing the Department at the launch of Ithuba's new "Raffle" game:
- 1 box of chocolates;
 - Two wine glasses;
 - 1 pair of Jenna Clifford earrings; and
 - Soap.
- 3) I am advised that the gifts were disclosed to the Department in 2016.

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