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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### QUESTION NO. 1359

#### **Mr A D Beesley (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

With reference to his reply to question 3101 which was published on 23 May 2025 and its date for reply set down for 6 June 2025, but the reply only received on 5 January 2026, seven months later, and noting that the reply only provided domestic travel expenses up to March 2025 and international travel expenses up to May 2025, what is the latest complete breakdown of all official travel for (a) him and (b) the Deputy Minister since the respective specified dates, including the (i) purpose and justification for each trip, (ii) destination details, (iii) costs incurred, including but not limited to transport, accommodation, meals and other related incidental expenses, (iv) names and roles of all accompanying support staff and their respective costs and (v) additional costs associated with each specified trip? NW1518E

#### **REPLY:**

(a), (b), (i)

- (1) The Ministry undertakes international travel to carry out the core mandate of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition. Travel is either at the request of the President, particularly for State Visits, or through our membership of global structures where South Africa's interests must be defended or advanced (for example in the World Trade Organisation), or meetings with investors.

In the period under question, the travel undertaken focused on the following five categories:

- Promoting African trade, investment and industrialisation.
- Meeting with major trading partners, including State Visits.
- Meetings where South Africa is a member of the International Organisations.
- Travel to set out the case for investment in South Africa.
- Fulfilling their Parliament and Cabinet obligations.

Total expenditure for international and domestic travel for the Minister, Deputy Ministers, and support staff amounts to R8 385 925 and R4 119 442 respectively, as detailed below:

- International and domestic travel expenditure for Minister Parks Tau and his support staff during the period under review amounts to R7 045 624 and R1 638 162, respectively.
- Domestic travel expenditure for Deputy Minister Whitfield and his support staff during the period under review amounts to R987 386.
- Domestic travel expenditure for Deputy Minister Abrahams and her support staff, since assuming office, amounts to R248 366.
- International and domestic travel expenditure for Deputy Minister Godlimpi and his support staff during the period under review amounts to R1 340 301 and R1 245 526, respectively.

(a), (b), (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)

- A detailed breakdown of the period requested is provided in **Annexures A and B** below.



## Annexure A

### Domestic Travel

Passengers	Destination	Period	Air Travel Domestic	Shuttle	Car rental	Accommodation	Total
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister Parks Tau</li> <li>• Protectors</li> <li>• Advisor (1)</li> <li>• Advisor (2)</li> <li>• Acting Chief of Staff</li> <li>• Acting Private Secretary</li> <li>• Assistant Private Secretary</li> <li>• Parliamentary Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Community Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Media Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Registry Officer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cape Town</li> <li>• Johannesburg/Pretoria</li> <li>• Gqeberha</li> <li>• Bloemfontein</li> <li>• Thohoyandou</li> <li>• Durban</li> </ul>	18/11/2025-28/02/25	R805 447,63	R81 955,00	R405 443,15	R345 317,09	R1 638 167,87
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Minister Zuko Godlimpi</li> <li>• Protectors</li> <li>• Head of Office</li> <li>• Private Secretary</li> <li>• Parliamentary Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Community Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Secretary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cape Town</li> <li>• Johannesburg/Pretoria</li> <li>• Gqeberha</li> <li>• East London</li> <li>• Durban</li> <li>• Makhado (Louis Trichardt)</li> <li>• Richards Bay</li> <li>• Burgersfort</li> <li>• Colesberg</li> </ul>	18/11/2025-28/02/25	R332 027,30	R27 584,77	R642 476,12	R243 438,34	R1 245 526,53

<b>Passengers</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Air Travel Domestic</b>	<b>Shuttle</b>	<b>Car rental</b>	<b>Accommodation</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Minister Andrew Whitfield</li> <li>• Protectors</li> <li>• Head of Office</li> <li>• Private Secretary</li> <li>• Parliamentary Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Community Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Secretary</li> <li>• Driver/Messenger</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cape Town</li> <li>• Johannesburg/Pretoria</li> <li>• Gqeberha</li> <li>• East London</li> </ul>	18/11/2025-28/02/25	R407 370,76	R54 417,41	R416 515,77	R109 082,97	R987 386,91
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Minister Alexander Abrahams</li> <li>• Protectors</li> <li>• Head of Office</li> <li>• Private Secretary</li> <li>• Parliamentary Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Community Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Secretary</li> <li>• Driver/Messenger</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cape Town</li> <li>• Johannesburg/Pretoria</li> <li>• Gqeberha</li> <li>• East London</li> </ul>	18/11/2025-28/02/25	R105 803,25	R25 950,00	R49 429,64	R67 183,24	R248 366,13
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>R1 650 648,94</b>	<b>R189 907,18</b>	<b>R1 513 864,68</b>	<b>R765 021,64</b>	<b>R4 119 442,44</b>

**Annexure B**  
**International Travel**

<b>Passenger</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Air Travel international</b>	<b>Car Rental</b>	<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Other(S&amp;T, etc)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Minister Parks Tau	Moscow and St Petersburg, Russia	12/06/2025-22/06/2025	R 120 574,15	R 227 830,64	R 541 383,35	R 17 005,98	R 906 794,12
Advisor (2)	Moscow and St Petersburg, Russia	12/06/2025-22/06/2025	R 88 405,43	R 3 769,88	R 183 042,94	R 12 587,38	R 287 805,63
Act Chief of Staff	Moscow and St Petersburg, Russia	12/06/2025-22/06/2025	R 103 637,11	R 243 637,86	R 190 083,50	R 12 530,72	R 549 889,19
			<b>R 312 616,69</b>	<b>R 475 238,38</b>	<b>R 914 509,79</b>	<b>R 42 124,08</b>	<b>R 1 744 488,94</b>
Minister Parks Tau	Paris, France	02/06/2025-04/06/2025	R 180 456,00	R 0.00	R 145 504,78	R 42 891,01	R 368 851,79
			<b>R 180 456,00</b>	<b>R 0.00</b>	<b>R 145 504,78</b>	<b>R 42 891,01</b>	<b>R 368 851,79</b>
Minister Parks Tau & Ms P Tau	Beijing, China	11/07/2025-21/07/2025	R 119 433,21	R 56 441,77	R 199 535,59	R 6 770,24	R 382 180,81
Act Chief of Staff	Beijing, China	11/07/2025-21/07/2025	R 105 405,43	0.00	R 17 459,37	0.00	R 122 864,80
Advisor (2)	Beijing, China	11/07/2025-21/07/2025	R 67 637,11	0.00	R 11 972,13	0.00	R 79 609,24
			<b>R 292 475,75</b>	<b>R 56 441,77</b>	<b>R 228 967,09</b>	<b>R 6 770,24</b>	<b>R 584 654,85</b>
Minister Parks Tau	Yakohama, Japan	15/08/2025-24/08/2025	R 97 295,73	R 97 295,73	R 162 098,26	R 4 934,80	R 361 624,52
Advisor (1)	Yakohama, Japan	15/08/2025-24/08/2025	R 89 452,00	R 0.00	R 50 885,79	R -	R 140 337,79
Secretary	Yakohama, Japan	15/08/2025-24/08/2025	R 67 500,00	R 94 400,39	R 81 417,26	R -	R 243 317,65
			<b>R 254 247,73</b>	<b>R 191 696,12</b>	<b>R 294 401,31</b>	<b>R 4 934,80</b>	<b>R 745 279,96</b>
Minister Parks Tau	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	10/09/2025-12/09/2025	R 103 764,00	R 33 037,35	R -	R -	R 136 801,35
Minister Parks Tau	Washington, USA	10/09/2025-12/09/2025	R 208 774,00	R 80 779,51	R 79 370,42	R 7 854,78	R 376 778,71
Advisor (1)	Washington, USA	10/09/2025-12/09/2025	R 176 845,00		R 39 912,54	R 7 854,77	R 224 612,31
Act Chief of Staff	Washington, USA	10/09/2025-12/09/2025	R 176 845,00		R 42 066,68	R 7 854,77	R 226 766,45

			R 666 228,00	R 113 816,86	R 161 349,64	R 23 564,32	R 964 958,82
Minister Parks Tau	Ankara and Istanbul, Turkiye	10/10/2025-19/10/2025	R 94 415,90	R 34 494,23	R 34 494,00		R 163 404,13
Act Chief of Staff	Ankara and Istanbul, Turkiye	10/10/2025-19/10/2025	R 88 405,00	R 16 746,51	R 20 944,00		R 126 095,51
Advisor (2)	Ankara and Istanbul, Turkiye	10/10/2025-19/10/2025	R 67 305,00	R 16 726,45	R 20 944,00		R 104 975,45
			R 250 125,90	R 67 967,19	R 76 382,00	R -	R 394 475,09
Minister Parks Tau	New York, USA	16/09/2025-28/09/2025	R 206 422,65	R 155 622,09	R 575 131,99		R 937 176,73
Advisor (1)	New York, USA	16/09/2025-28/09/2025	R 196 410,00		R 144 963,91		R 341 373,91
Act Chief of Staff	New York, USA	16/09/2025-28/09/2025	R 196 410,00		R 173 956,69		R 370 366,69
			R 599 242,65	R 155 622,09	R 894 052,59	R -	R 1 648 917,33
Minister Parks Tau	Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia	18/10/2025-28/10/2025	R 98 785,00	R 60 684,03	R 53 485,00		R 212 954,03
Medial Liaison Officer	Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia	18/10/2025-28/10/2025	R 83 684,11	R 60 684,03	R 56 649,54		R 201 017,68
Advisor (2)	Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia	18/10/2025-28/10/2025	R 83 684,11	R 0.00	R 6 329,09		R 90 013,20
Secretary	Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia	18/10/2025-28/10/2025	R 83 684,11	R 0.00	R 6 329,09		R 90 013,20
			R 349 837,33	R 121 368,06	R 122 792,72	R -	R 593 998,11
<b>TOTAL Minister</b>							R 7 045 624,89
Deputy Minister Godlimpi	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	02/06/2025-04/06/2025	R 103 674,00	R 38 450,34	R 290 665,94		R 432 790,28
Head of Office	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	02/06/2025-04/06/2025	R 78 416,00	R 21 380,89	R 140 410,29		R 240 207,18
			R 182 090,00	R 59 831,23	R 431 076,23	R -	R 672 997,46
Deputy Minister Godlimpi	Senegal, Dakar	06/10/2025-08/10/2025	R 38 453,13	R 24 743,13	R 14 399,28		R 77 595,54
Community Liaison Officer	Senegal, Dakar	06/10/2025-08/10/2025	R 65 506,17	R -	R 27 569,96		R 93 076,13
Parliamentary Liaison Officer	Senegal, Dakar	06/10/2025-08/10/2025	R 65 379,17	R -	R 13 784,98		R 79 164,15
			R 169 338,47	R 24 743,13	R 55 754,22		R 249 835,82
Deputy Minister Godlimpi	Switzerland, Bern	27/10/2025-01/11/2025	R 131 405,13	R 32 829,23	R 29 855,81	R -	R 194 090,17

Community Liaison Officer	Switzerland, Bern	27/10/2025-01/11/2025	R 64 423,78	R -	R 47 264,90	R -	R 111 688,68
Private Secretary	Switzerland, Bern	27/10/2025-01/11/2025	R 64 423,78	R -	R 47 264,90	R -	R 111 688,68
			<b>R 260 252,69</b>	<b>R 32 829,23</b>	<b>R 124 385,61</b>	<b>R -</b>	<b>R 417 467,53</b>
<b>TOTAL Deputy Minister</b>							<b>R 1 340 300,81</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>R 3 516 911,21</b>	<b>R 1 299 554,06</b>	<b>R 3 449 175,98</b>	<b>R 120 284,45</b>	<b>R 8 385 925,70</b>

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