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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1885

1885. Ms D E James (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Whether he will furnish Ms D E James with a complete breakdown of all official travel for (a) him and (b) the Deputy Ministers since they assumed office, 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; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?
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REPLY:

(a), (b), (i)

- (1) The Ministry undertakes international travel to carry out the core mandate on 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 have to 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 four 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.

Total expenditure international and domestic travel for the Minister, Deputy Ministers, and support staff amounts to R7 023 175, 88 and R2 543 404, 07, respectively, as detailed below:

- Minister Parks Tau's international and domestic travel since assuming office total R2 573 973, 06 and R135 341, 83 respectively.
- Deputy Minister Whitfield's international travel since assuming office total R673 339, 55 and R369 147, 45 respectively.
- Deputy Minister Godlimpi's international and domestic travel since assuming office total R852 228, 25 and R639 426, 47 respectively.
- Total international and domestic travel cost for support staff during the review period is R2 923 635, 02 and R1 399 488, 22 respectively.

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