

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 3101

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

Since his reply to question 1885 on 5 December 2024, what is the complete breakdown of all official travel for him (a) and the Deputy Ministers since they assumed office on 3 July 2024, 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?

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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 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 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.

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

A detailed breakdown of the audited 2024-2025 financial year is provided in **Annexures A and B** below.

Annexure A

Domestic Travel

Passengers	Destination	Period	Air Travel Domestic	Shuttle	Car rental	Accommodation
1. Minister Parks Tau 2. Protectors 3. Advisor (1) 4. Advisor (2) 5. Acting Chief of Staff 6. Acting Private Secretary 7. Assistant Private Secretary 8. Parliamentary Liaison Officer 9. Community Liaison Officer 10. Media Liaison Officer 11. Registry Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cape Town • Johannesburg/Pretoria • Gqeberha • Bloemfontein • Thohoyandou • Durban 	08/07/2024-31/03/2025	R 480 446,75	R74 260,00	R115 185,91	R263 157,26
1. Deputy Minister Zuko Godlimpi 2. Protectors 3. Head of Office 4. Private Secretary 5. Parliamentary Liaison Officer 6. Community Liaison Officer 7. Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cape Town • Johannesburg/ Pretoria • Gqeberha • East London • Durban • Makhado (Louis Trichardt) • Richards Bay • Burgersfort • Colesberg 	08/07/2024-31/03/2025	R455 949,54	R39 610,86	R650 779,16	R595 680,95

Passengers	Destination	Period	Air Travel Domestic	Shuttle	Car rental	Accommodation
1. Deputy Minister Andrew Whitfield 2. Protectors 3. Head of Office 4. Private Secretary 5. Parliamentary Liaison Officer 6. Community Liaison Officer 7. Secretary 8. Driver/Messenger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cape Town • Johannesburg/Pretoria • Gqeberha • East London 	08/07/2024-31/03/2025	R379 195,37	R62 763,04	R532 716,13	R123 815,92

Annexure B

International Travel

Passenger	Destination	Period	Air Travel International	Shuttle	Car rental	Accommodation
1. Minister Parks Tau 2. Deputy Minister Whitfield 3. Advisor (1) 4. Act Private Secretary	USA: Washington	21/07/2024 - 27/07/2024	R696 538,20	R164 546,86	R83 648,00	R542 358,19
1. Deputy Minister Godlimpi 2. Private Secretary 3. Head of Office	Russia	23/07/2024 - 26/07/2024	R299,196.90	R1 700,00	R44,570.00	R41,757.22
1. Minister Parks Tau 2. Act Private Secretary 3. Advisor to Minister (2)	China	30/08/2024 - 08/09/2024	R375 415.20	R0,00	R55 289.00	R126 092.33
1. Deputy Minister Godlimpi 2. PLO 3. Head of Office	Switzerland: Geneva	08/09/2024 - 13/09/2024	R193 055,90	R252 605,12	R0,00	R142 706,50
1. Minister Parks Tau 2. Act Private Secretary 3. Advisor (1)	USA: New York	17/09/2024 - 20/09/2024	R638 934,90	R78 855,00	R543 949,65	R862 262,15
1. Deputy Minister Whitfield 2. Head of Office	London & Ireland	25/09/2024 - 29/09/2024 and 28/09/2024 - 05/10/2024	R241 578,60	R0,00	R0,00	R233 544,26
1. Minister Parks Tau 2. Assistant Private Secretary 3. Community Liaison Officer	Turkey	20/10/2024 - 26/10/2024	R222,432.48	R1900.00	R0,00	R47 400,00
1. Minister Parks Tau 2. Assistant Private Secretary 3. Community Liaison Officer	Russia	16/10/2024 - 20/10/2024	R247,260.48	R1900.00	R89,983.01	R81,090.28

Passenger	Destination	Period	Air Travel International	Shuttle	Car rental	Accommodation
1. Minister Parks Tau 2. Assistant Private Secretary 3. Community Liaison Officer	London	25/10/2024 - 01/11/2024	R255 777,74	R0,00	R0,00	R161 104,00
1. Deputy Minister Godlimpi 2. Private Secretary 3. Advisor to Minister (1)	Brazil	25/10/2024 - 27/10/2024	R340 924,74	R0,00	R0,00	R87 452,78
1. Minister Parks Tau 2. Advisor (1) 3. Medial Liaison Officer	Algeria	03/12/2024 - 08/12/2024	R164 339,00	R0,00	R0,00	R132 624,00
1. Deputy Minister Godlimpi 2. Private Secretary	UK & Belgium	04/12/2024 - 13/12/2024	R190 984,00	R0,00	R0,00	R65 871,00
1. Minister Parks Tau 2. Act Chief of Staff	Switzerland: Davos	18/01/2025 - 25/01/2025	R171 644,00	R0,00	R0,00	R110 104,00
1. Minister Parks Tau 2. Advisor (2) 3. Community Liaison Officer	Ethiopia	11/02/2025 - 14/02/2025	R135 114,00	R0,00	R42 692,37	R90 763,00
1. Minister Parks Tau 2. Advisor (1) 3. Act Private Secretary	Japan	15/03/2025 - 26/03/2025	R286 342,00	R0,00	R136 648,03	R224 821,06
1. Minister Parks Tau 2. Act Private Secretary 3. Advisor (1)	DRC	13/04/2025 - 16/04/2025	R151 000,00	R0,00	R59 544,10	R81 757,90
1. Minister Parks Tau 2. Advisor (1) 3. Act Chief of Staff	USA: Washington	16/05/2025 - 22/05/2025	R495 124,00	R0,00	R70 000,00	R203 999,30

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