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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 4404

Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) With regard to the 2nd International Special Economic Zones Infrastructure and Investment Conference held in Durban on 16 to 17 July 2026, what is the breakdown of the total cost of the specified event including the costs for (a) venue hire, (b) accommodation, (c) ground and air transport, (d) meals and liquid refreshments and (e) anything else;
- (2) what are the relevant details of which organisations paid for the conference, including the (a)(i) names and (ii) designations of individuals whose costs of attending the conference were paid for and (b) total cost in Rand;
- (3) what are the relevant details, in the form of a list, of registered delegates to the conference?NW4737E

REPLY:

(1)(a),(b),(c),(d) and (e)

The total expenditure incurred by the Department in relation to the conference was R12,849,866.38, comprising of R12,685,654.33 in conference-related expenditure; and R164,212.05 for accommodation, ground and air transport. The conference expenditure includes venue hire, meals and liquid refreshments.



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The table below outlines the expenditure for the conference.

Table 1

Source of Expenditure	Amount
Conference expenditure	R11,490,540.79
Accommodation, ground and air transport for the dtic officials	R164,212.05
State Security Agency (SSA)	R606,840.00
South African Police Services (SAPS)	R588,273.54
Total	R12,849,866.38

(2)(a)(i)&(ii) and (b)

The conference was hosted in partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (KZNDEDTEA), who sponsored the venue at a total cost of R1,818,348.00. The Department contributed R 5 000 000.00 towards the conference.

Other costs were covered through sponsorships from, amongst others, the IDC and the Industrial Zones Programme (IZP), as well as through in-kind contributions, as reflected in the table below.



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Table 2

Sponsor	Commitment Amount
the dtic	R 5 000 000.00
KZNDEDETEA	R 1 818 348.00
IDC	R 1 634 576.94
IZP	R 1 634 576.94
Namakwa SEZ	R500 000
East London IDZ	R250 000 + Branded Notebooks & Lanyards
Coega IDZ	R500 000
Brand South Africa	R500 000
Richards Bay IDZ	R200 000
OR Tambo SEZ	R500 000
Tshwane Automotive SEZ	R500 000
Gauteng Growth and Development Agency	R500 000
Freeport Saldanha SEZ	in-kind branded conference bags
Dube TradePort	in-kind speaker gifts; and Airport welcome lounge set-up
South African Breweries	in-kind dinner beverages
Total sponsorship commitments	R 13,537,501.88 (incl. VAT)



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No organisations paid the costs of attendance of individual delegates. Attendance at the conference was free, and no registration fees were charged.

The sponsorships and contributions listed above were towards the hosting and delivery of the conference and not payments towards the attendance costs of individual delegates.

(3)

The invitations and registrations were managed through the event organisation company, using the Flock Eventing Platform.

The Flock system indicates that 1,005 delegates registered for the conference across the two days.

The list of registered delegates is attached as **Annexure A**.

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