**PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr J H Steenhuisen (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

Whether her department incurred any costs related to the (a) inauguration of the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, held in Pretoria on 25 May 2019 and (b) State of the Nation Address held in Cape Town on 20 June 2019; if so, in each case, (i) what costs were incurred and (ii) for what reason? NW2321E

**REPLY:**

**I have been advised by the departments as follows:**

1. Inauguration

The Department incurred costs amounting to R34,916.97 relating to the inauguration as follows:

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| **Item (i)** | **Details (ii)** | **Amount (iii)** |
| Accommodation | 4 Commissioners | R7 345, 96 |
| Accommodation | 3 Officials in the ICT workstream | R4 820, 95 |
| Road Transport | 4 Commissioners | R9 094, 72 |
| Air Transport | 2 Commissioners | R13 655, 34 |
| **Total Costs** |  | **R34 916, 97** |

1. State of the Nation Address

The Department incurred costs amounting to R119 540, 84 relating to the SONA as follows:

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| **Item (i)** | **Details (ii)** | **Amount (iii)** |
| Accommodation | Guest of the Minister | R1 440, 00 |
| Accommodation | Deputy Minister’s support staff | R11 722, 40 |
| Accommodation | Minister’s support staff | R7 380, 00 |
| Road Transport | Minister | R12 785, 00 |
| Road Transport | Deputy Minister’s support staff | R9 378, 00 |
| Road Transport | Minister’s support staff | R5 083, 00 |
| Air Transport | Guest of the Minister | R13 996, 00 |
| Air Transport | Minister | R10 530, 00 |
| Air Transport | Deputy Minister | R14 660, 00 |
| Air Transport | Deputy Minister’s support staff | R17 108, 44 |
| Air Transport | Minister’s support staff | R15 458, 00 |
| **Total Costs** |  | **R119 540, 84** |

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