**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMNTARY QUESTION NO: 1171**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 11 OCTOBER 2019**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 25 OCTOBER 2019**

**Mr J N de Villiers (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

Whether his 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?

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**REPLY:**

I have been informed that the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development and the Department of Correctional Services did not incur any costs related to the inauguration of the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, held in Pretoria on 25 May 2019 and State of the Nation Address held in Cape Town on 20 June 2019.

1. (i) The Office of the Chief Justice incurred the following costs for the Presidential Inauguration on 25 May 2019:

Travel cost: R379 867.61

Accommodation and meals: R392 361.69

Total cost: R772 229.30

The Presidency carried the cost to an amount of R678 104.00 whilst the Office of the Chief Justice carried to an amount of R94 125.30 from its own voted budget.

(ii) the cost incurred was for the travel, accommodation and meals cost for the Judicial Officers attending the event as well as the cost for the logistical support provided by Office of the Chief Justice officials.

(b)(i) The Office of the Chief Justice incurred the following cost for the State of the Nation Address on 20 June 2019:

Travel cost: R408 368.27

Accommodation: R244 308. 00

Total cost: R652 676. 27

(ii) The cost incurred was for the travel and accommodation cost for the Judicial Officers attending the event as was as the cost for the logistical support provided by Office of the Chief Justice officials.