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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1349**

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**Ms S P Kopane (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

(1)(a) What amount did the Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA) spend on travel since 1 June 2014, (b) what was the reason for each trip undertaken, (c) who undertook each trip and (d) what amount was spent on (i) accommodation and (ii) allowances in each case; (2) whether the MDDA has used any money that was allocated for a specified project for travelling purposes not related to the specified project since it was established in 2004; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) when was the specified project money used for the specified project travelling purposes, (b) why, (c) what are the relevant details of the (i) travel that was undertaken and (ii) costs involved in each such case and (d) who authorised the usage of the specified project money? NW1497E

**REPLY: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

(1)(a) The table below provides a breakdown of the travel spend by the MDDA since 1 June 2014.



(b)The reasons of the trips are as follows:

* Projects Department – Site visits to proposed and existing beneficiaries for project grant assessment and compliance purposes
* Research & training – Community media training sessions/Media workshops
* Monitoring & Evaluation – Site visits to beneficiary projects for monitoring and evaluation purposes
* Communications – Participation in Outreach and Community Media Communications events
* Finance & Administration – Attendance at parliamentary events and in accordance with entity oversight requirements
* CEO Office - Stakeholder engagement, participation in Outreach and Marketing events, parliamentary events, strategic media events

(c)MDDA people who undertook the travel are as follows:

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| Projects Department | Thelele Kabelo Mr |
|  | Sithole Sediroa Mrs |
|  | Nkopane Maphiri |
|  | Ndibongo Lindinkosi Mr |
|  | Ngwenya Philani Mr |
|  | Maphanga Sfiso Mr |
|  | Leshabane Mpho Ms |
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| Research & training | Monareng Manana Ms |
|  | Makamu Portia Ms |
|  | Mahlaule Khanyisa Ms |
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| Monitoring & Evaluation | Thembelihle Sibeko (until September 2015) |
|  | Ms Nompumelelo Maduna |
|  | Bonnet Gugulethu Ms |
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| Communications | Langbridge Cheryl Ms |
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| Finance & Administration | Talifhani Khubane |
|  | Sinhonho Tamara Ms |
|  | Simpson Clarindaelizabeth |
|  | Phungwayo Duduzile Ms |
|  | Gungqisa Mshiyeni Mr |
|  | Moatsi Ouma Ms |
|  |  |
| CEO Office | Thembelihle Sibeko (from October 2015) |
|  | Seyisi Tom Khululwa |
|  | Morokane Faith Ms |
|  | Rantete Johannes Mr |
|  | Rabie Rufus Mr |
|  | Mtimde Lumko Mr |
|  | Maseko Hariet Ms |
|  | Mazibuko Duduzile Ms |

(d) A full breakdown of the amount spent on (i) accommodation and (ii) allowances in each case is available as an Excel spreadsheet.

(2) The MDDA has not used any money that was allocated for a specified project for travelling purposes not related to the specified project since it was established in 2004. The MDDA position in this regard is that all monies allocated for grant funding are used only for the purposes of carrying out that activity in line with the mandate of the MDDA.

(a) Refer to (1) (a) for information on the specified project money used for the specified project travelling purposes.

(b) Refer to (1) b) for the reasons why the travel is undertaken.

(c) A full breakdown of the details of the (i) travel that was undertaken and (ii) costs involved in each such case is available as an Excel spreadsheet.

(d) The Projects Director authorised the usage of the specified project money.

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**DIRECTOR GENERAL [ACTING]**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DATE:**

**MS AF MUTHAMBI (MP)**

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DATE:**