

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**1512. Mr D J Maynier (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

(1) Whether the former Minister of Finance, Mr K M N Gigaba, (a) requested and (b) received approval in writing from the President for each intended official trip undertaken by the former Minister of Finance from 1 April 2017 to 27 February 2018 as is required in terms of the Ministerial Handbook; if not, in each case, why not; if so, on what date was the request (i) made and (ii) approved in each case;

(2) whether the former Minister of Finance (a) requested and (b) received approval in writing from the President for his spouse to accompany him on each specified official visit; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW1652E

**REPLY:**

1. According to the information on record, the former Minister of Finance, Mr KMN Gigaba, undertook the following approved official travel abroad:

| **No.** | **Date** | **Country** | **(i) Request made** | **(ii) Travel approved** |
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| 1. | 19 – 26 Apr 2017 | USA | 12 Apr 2017 | 18 Apr 2017 |
| 2. | 17 – 19 June 2017 | China | 12 June 2017 | 15 June 2017 |
| 3. | 19 – 22 June 2017 | England | 12 June 2017 | 15 June 2017 |
| 4. | 5 – 9 July 2017 | Germany | 26 June 2017 | 27 June 2017 |
| 5. | 30 – 31 July 2017 | Swaziland | 24 July 2017 | 26 July 2017 |
| 6. | 1 – 6 Sept 2017 | China | 23 Aug 2017 | 28 Aug 2017 |
| 7. | 9 – 16 Oct 2017 | USA | 28 Sept 2017 | 29 Sept 2017 |
| 8. | 7 – 17 Nov 2017 | USA and Asia: Japan, China and Singapore | 2 Nov 2017 | 4 Nov 2017 |
| 9. | 21 – 28 Jan 2018 | Switzerland | 7 Dec 2017 | 11 Dec 2017 |

(2) The Ministerial Handbook does not require the President to approve the travel of the Minister’s spouse.