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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1545**

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**1545. Adv G Breytenbach (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) Whether the trip that was undertaken from Gauteng to Cape Town by the SA Police Service (SAPS) member (name and details furnished) who visited the Chief Whip of the Opposition, Mr J H Steenhuisen, at Parliament on 12 May 2017 in the company of three unknown female officers to take down a warning statement was authorised; if not, what action will be taken against the officers involved for undertaking an unauthorised trip from Gauteng to Cape Town; if so, (a) by whom and (b) on what grounds;

(2) what are the full details of the costs incurred by the SAPS for (a) (i) fuel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) meal and (iv) overtime costs and (b) any other expenses?

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**REPLY:**

1. Yes, the journey from Gauteng to Cape Town was authorised as an official journey, specifically to conduct investigation duties.

(1)(a) The journey was authorised by Colonel V Boodhoo, from the office of the Deputy Provincial Commissioner: Crime Detection, Gauteng.

(1)(b) The journey was authorised to obtain statements and serve subpoenas on persons in relation to Brooklyn, CAS 798/03/2017 (criminal defamation), Alberton, CAS 182/07/2015 (murder) and Hillbrow, CAS 798/09/2015 (possession of a firearm without a licence).

(2)(a)(i) to (iv) and (b)

The following costs were incurred by the South African Police Service (SAPS):

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| (2)(a)(i) | Fuel | R2 490,06 |
| (2)(a)(ii) | Accommodation | R4 200,00 |
| (2)(a)(iii) | Meals | R2 160,00 |
| (2)(a)(iv) | Overtime | R0,00 |
| (2)(b) | Subsistence expenses | R1 413,30 |
| **Total** | **R10 263,36** |