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**1656**. **Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) (a) What was the purpose of her trip when she stayed at the Oyster Box Hotel in Umhlanga Rocks, Durban, on 12 June 2016, (b) how much did the specified trip cost and (c) who paid for the specified trip;

(2) whether any other persons accompanied her on the specified trip; if not, why not; if so, (a) who accompanied her on the specified trip and (b) what are the reasons for the specified persons’ attendance? NW1868E

**Reply:**

I was attending a Project Mikondzo outreach in Umlazi Township in my official duty as the Minister of Social Development, and I was accompanied by my Personal Assistant.

I was meant to return to Pretoria on the same day, due to the fact that the function ended very late I stayed overnight at the Oyster Box Hotel because at the time of making the booking the travel agency could not secure a cheaper hotel that offers government rates.