**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION 1706-2019**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO: 31-2019, DATE OF PUBLICATION 29 -11- 2019: “MRS V VAN DYK (DA) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture”**

1. With reference to the payments of claims made to the Department of International Relations and Cooperations for the 2018-19 financial year, (a) what is the official status of each traveler, (b) in what capacity did each person travel, (c) what is the total breakdown of the travel fee and accommodation, (d) was each person travelling on business and/or economy class, (e) what was car rental cost in respect of each traveler, (f) what type of vehicles were booked for each traveler, (g) how did the travel undertaken by each person contribute to the economy and/or advancement of the Republic and (h) on what date will the reports of each trip that was undertaken be available? (**NW3102E**)

**REPLY:**

1. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for the response to the question above.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS MADE TO DIRCO 2018 -2019 FINANCIAL YEAR**

With reference to the payments of claims made to the Department of International Relations and Cooperations for the 2018-19 financial year, (a) what is the official status of each traveler, (b) in what capacity did each person travel, (c) what is the total breakdown of the travel fee and accommodation, (d) was each person travelling on business and/or economy class, (e) what was car rental cost in respect of each traveler, (f) what type of vehicles were booked for each traveler, (g) how did the travel undertaken by each person contribute to the economy and/or advancement of the Republic and (h) on what date will the reports of each trip that was undertaken be available? (**NW3102E**)

**Kenya 1 – Ministerial Working Visit on 26 – 29 October 2018**

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| **Meeting or Event** | **Status of traveller** | **Capacity of traveller** | **Breakdown of Fee and Accommodation** | **Business or Economy class** | **Car rental costs** | **Type of Vehicle Hired** | **Contribution to the**  **economy or advancement**  **of the Republic** | **Availability of the report** |
| Meeting | Official | Director Africa and the Middle East | R42 000.00 | Economy Class | R20 000.00 | Sedan standard (shared) | The South African  participation was to  advance the objectives  of the Charter for  African Cultural  Renaissance and  creating of markets for  industries. | Report available on request |
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|  | Official | Assistant Director Creative Industries | Economy Class |

1. **Ethiopia – 5th Pan African Cultural Congress – 5 – 7 September 2018**

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| Meeting | Executive Authority | Deputy Minister | Hosted by Algeria | Business Class | N/A | Hosted by Algeria | The South African participation was to advance the objectives of the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance | Report is available for viewing |
| OFFICIAL | PA to Deputy Minister | Hosted by Algeria | Business Class | N/A | Hosted by Algeria |
| Official | Director Africa and the Middle East | R 10 000 | Economy Class | R20 000.00 | Sedan standard |
| Official | Director Libraries | R10 000.00 | Economy Class | Sedan standard |
| Expert | President of AFLIA | Paid by AFLIA | Economy Class | Sedan standard |
| Expert | Executive of AFLIA | Paid by AFLIA | Economy Class | Sedan standard |

1. **Algeria - AU Specialised Technical Committee on Youth, Culture and Sports 22 – 25 October**

**Kenya – Technical Visit for Cultural Seasons on 02 – 05 October 2018**

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| Meeting | Official | Director Africa and the Middle East | R42 000.00 | Economy Class | R20 000.00 | Sedan standard (shared) | The South African participation was to advance the objectives of the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance and creating of markets for industries. | Report available on request |
|  | Official | Assistant Director Events Management | Economy Class |
|  | Official | Assistant Director Creative Industries | Economy Class |

**Kenya - Hosting South African Cultural Seasons in Kenya – 28 February – 2 March 2019**

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| Event  Service Provider | Officials | DDG | R175 605.66 | Economy Class | R54 521.60 |  | The South African  participation was to advance the objectives of the Charter for African Cultural  Renaissance and  creating of markets  for industries. | Report is available for viewing |
| Director | Economy Class |  |
| Deputy Director | Economy Class |  |
| 3 x Assistant Director | Economy Class |  |
| Events Management company | Economy Class |  |
| 2x Exhibition Curator / Coordinator | Economy Class |  |
|  | Expert | 1x Chef | Economy Class | R277 048.34 | 2 x Sedan (shared)  15 Seater (shared) |
|  | Expert | 1x Journalists | Economy Class |
|  | Expert | 1x Photo journalist | Economy Class |
|  | Expert | 7 x Musician for the opening banquet and the band | Economy Class |
|  | Expert | 1x Sound engineer / technical | Economy Class |
|  | Expert | 1x Creative Director | Economy Class |
|  | Expert | 1x Poet | Economy Class |
|  | Expert | 1x Muralist | Economy Class |
|  | Expert | 15x Dancers | Economy Class |
|  | Expert | 1x Craft presenter (workshop) | Economy Class |
|  | Expert | 1x Design presenter (workshop) | Economy Class |
|  | Expert | 1x Dance choreographer | Economy Class |
|  | Expert | 7x Band | Economy Class |
|  | Expert | 3x Backup singers | Economy Class |
|  | Expert | 3x Musicians | Economy Class |
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| 36th Session of WIPO SCCR - Geneva | Official | DD/IR  DD/Cultural Development | Accommodation – R43 875 | Economy | None - Public transport is free in Geneva | N/A | The benefit of SA  participation in the SCCR is to ensure that our national policies are aligned with global  practices to ensure  that our creatives can  benefit both  economically and morally from their Intellectual Property and that their IP rights are  protected from  unauthorised used  at the international level. | Yes, available on request |
| 37th WIPO IGC on Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions - Geneva | Official  Official | DD/IR  Director:Living Heritage | Accommodation – R92 000 | Economy | Travel agency - Amount not available at time of report | Standard car | The contribution to  the economy is to  ensure that once a  legal binding instrument is adopted, traditional communities can share the benefit that  derives from their IP that emanated from their traditional knowledge be it  medicinal, innovation,  designs, etc. and that  their IP is protected  from international  misappropriation. | Yes, available on request |
| WIPO Assemblies of Member States - Geneva | Official  Official | CD/IR  DD/CD | Accommodation R110 000 | Economy | None - public transport is free in Geneva | N/A | The General Assembly  is the main decision  making body of WIPO  and meets annually to  take stock of progress  on the organisations  of the work of WIPO  and to discuss future  policy direction in the  field of IP globally.  Our participation is to  take note and endorse  future policy direction  of WIPO to be in line  with our national  development priorities  as outlined in the NDP. | Yes, available on request |
| World Conference on Creative Economy | Official  Technical Experts  Official  Official | DG  CD/IR  SACO Rep  DD/IR  DD/CD | Accommodation and transport cost – R140 000 | DG – Business class  4 x Officials - Economy | Amount not available at time of report | Standard car – Toyota Camry | South Africa shared with the global community how the creative and cultural economy  is often connected with other development priorities, such as poverty alleviation, basic infrastructure sustainable development, gender equality, social  inclusion and global  partnerships. We also  provided statistical  data to show the  contribution of culture  to the GDP. | Yes, available on request |
| 37th Session of WIPO SCCR - Geneva | Official  Official | DD/IR  DD/Cultural Development | Accommodation – R67 000 | Economy | Public transport is free in Geneva | N/A | Discussion continued  from the 36th Session.  The benefit of SA  participation in the  SCCR is to ensure that  our national policies are  aligned with global  practices to ensure  that our creatives can  benefit both  economically and  morally from their  Intellectual Property  and that their IP rights  are protected from  unauthorised used at  the international level. | Yes, available on request |
| 38th WIPO IGC on Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions - Geneva | Official  Official | DD/IR  Director/Living Heritage | Accommodation – R76 703 | Economy | Travel agency - Amount not available at time of report | Standard car | Discussions continued  from the 37th Session.  The contribution to the  economy is to ensure  that once a legal  binding instrument is  adopted, traditional  communities can  share the benefit that  derives from their IP that emanated from their traditional knowledge be it  medicinal, innovation,  designs, etc. and that  their IP is protected  from international  misappropriation. | Yes, available on request |
| 12th Ordinary Session of the IGC for the 2005 Convention on Cultural Diversity - Paris | Official  Official | CD/IR  DD/CD | Accommodation – R52 000 | Economy | R 3600 (R1 800 p/p) | Taxi – Standard car | The New Growth Path,  the National  Development Plan,  the White Paper on  Arts, Culture and  Heritage and the  Mzansi Golden Economy  Strategy is aligned to  the principles of the  2005 Convention.  All these strategies  are geared towards  unlocking the growth  potential of the  cultural and creative  industry, to maximise  economic growth and  job creation, especially  in the informal sector. | Yes, available on request |
| 39th WIPO IGC on Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions - Geneva | Official  Official | DD/IR  Director/Living Heritage | Accommodation – R67 852 | Economy | Travel agency – Amount not available at time of report | Standard car | Discussions continued  from the 38th Session.  The contribution to the  economy is to ensure  that once a legal  binding instrument is  adopted, traditional  communities can share  the benefit that derives  from their IP that  emanated from their  traditional knowledge be  it medicinal, innovation,  designs, etc. and that  their IP is protected  from international  misappropriation. | Yes, available on request |
| UNWTO/UNESCO World Conference on Tourism and Culture - Turkey | Official  Official  Official  Official  Official | DG  D/Heritage  DD/IR  DD/Stakeholder Liaison  Mr S Ntombela – DD/MGE | Accommodation and transport – R370 000 | DG – Business class  4 x Officials – Economy class | Amounts not available at time of report | DG – Luxury Car  Officials – Standard car | Tourism is a driver of  economic growth,  inclusive development  and environmental  sustainability. Through  our participation we learn and share global  best practices on how  cultural tourism can  make an important  contribution to poverty  reduction, fighting  inequality and  promoting inclusive  growth for the  implementation of the  SDGs. | Yes, available on request |
| Nelson Mandela Statue in New York: New York travel for the Minister to view the site for the statue in New York, USA August 2018. | Executive  Official  Official  Official  Official | Minister  Minister’s Advisor  DD/HPP  Min’s PA  DD/IR | Accommodation and local transport – R830 000 | Minister – Business class travel  Minister’s Advisor – Business class travel  3 x Officials – Economy class | Breakdown of amounts for transport not available at time of report | Minister - Luxury Car  Officials - Standard | The Statue of Nelson  Mandela was a gift  donated to the United  Nations during the  Nelson Mandela Peace  Summit as a result  of the United General  Assembly (UNGA)  resolution 72/243  which was adopted  in Dec ember 2017.  A communications  strategy was developed  for the branding of SA  during the Peace  summit, including the  unveiling of the statue  of former President  Mandela. | Yes, available on request |
| Unveiling Ceremony of Nelson Mandela Statue at the United Nations Headquarters in New York during the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit, September 2018 | Executive  Official  Official  Official  Official | Minister  Mr M Nkomo – Minister’s Advisor  DD/HPP  Min’s PA  DD/IR | Accommodation and local transport - top up amount as a balance was still at DIRCO from travel in August 2019 - R240 000 | Minister – Business class travel  Minister’s Advisor – Business class travel  Officials – Economy class | Breakdown of amounts for transport not available at time of report | Minister - Luxury Car  Officials - Standard | The Statue of Nelson  Mandela was a gift  donated to the United  Nations during the  Nelson Mandela Peace  Summit as a result of  the United General  Assembly (UNGA)  resolution 72/243  which was adopted  in Dec ember 2017. A  communications strategy was developed for the branding of SA during the Peace  summit, including the  unveiling of the statue  of former President  Mandela. | Yes, available on request |