

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & MILITARY VETERANS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**1814. Mr M R Bara (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

(1) Whether (a) her spouse and/or (b) an adult family member accompanied her on any official international trip (i) in each of the past five financial years and (ii) since 1 April 2018; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (aa) is the name of the person(s), (bb) was the (aaa) purpose and (bbb) destination of the trip and (cc) was the (aaa) total cost and (bbb) detailed breakdown of the costs of the accompanying person(s) to her department;

(2) whether each of the specified trips were approved by the President in terms of the provisions of Section 1, Annexure A of the Ministerial Handbook; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1973E

**REPLY:**

(1)(a) yes

(i) yes

(ii) yes

(aa) Mr Charles Nqakula (spouse)

(bb)(aaa) and (bbb)

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| **11-18/7/14** | **Paris, France & London** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
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| **19-27/9/14** | **New York, USA** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **21-24/2/15** | **Abu Dabi** | **Official Visit as a spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **13-18/4/15** | **Russia** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **18-22/4/15** | **Jarkata & Indonesia** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **22-26/4/15** | **Instantbul & Turkey** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **7-12/5/15** | **Russia** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **27-29/6/15** | **Lesotho** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **9-12/7/15** | **Kenya, DRC & Goma** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **24-25/8/15** | **Burundi** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **30/8-1/9/15** | **Ethiopia** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **13-18/9/15** | **New York** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **22-30/9/15** | **London** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **13-19/10/15** | **DRC & Sudan** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **31/10-5/11/15** | **Thailand** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **6-10/11/15** | **Burundi, Sudan & Dakar** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **14-16/1/16** | **Ethiopia** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **18-19/1/16** | **Gaborone, Botswana** | **The purpose of the official visit as the Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **27-31/1/16** | **Ethiopia** | **The purpose of the official visit as the Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **12-24/3/16** | **New York** | **Official Visit as a Spouse & Companion** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **25-29/4/16** | **Moscow, Russia** | **Official Visit as a Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula (Spouse)**  **(** |
| **2-5/12/16** | **Cuba** | **Official Visit as spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **25-31/1/17** | **Ethiopia** | **Travelled as a spouse on an official Visit** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **25-29/3/17** | **Pakistan** | **Official Visit as the spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **3-6/12/17** | **Serbia** | **Official visit as the spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **22-29/1/18** | **Ethiopia** | **Official Visit as the spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
| **2-7/4/18** | **Russia** | **Official Visit, travel as the Spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula’** |
| **27/6-2/7/18** | **MAURITANIA** | **Official Visit as the spouce** | **Mr C Nqakula:** |
| **14-19/7/18** | **London & France** | **Official Visit as spouse** | **Mr C Nqakula** |
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(cc)(aaa) and (bbb): The Ministerial Handbook determines that  “The costs for official journeys abroad by Members, and their spouses or adult family members accompanying them in official capacity, are for the account of the relevant Department”.

(2)  Yes