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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1818. Mr Y Cassim (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(1) Whether (a) his spouse and/or (b) an adult family member accompanied him 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 the National Treasury;

(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?

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**REPLY:**

(1) (a) Yes.

(1) (a) (i) (aa), (bb) (aaa) (bbb), (cc) (aaa) (bbb). Refer to attached table.

(1) (a) (ii) (aa), (bb) (aaa) (bbb), (cc) (aaa) (bbb). Refer to attached table.

(1) (b) No

(2) Yes, the President approves Ministers’ travel abroad. Ministers are allowed to travel with their spouses. Ministers exercise their discretion in this regard.

|  | **(1)(a)(i)** | **(1)(a)(i)(aa)****Name of person** | **(1)(a)(i)(bb)(aaa)****Purpose** | **(1)(a)(i)(bb)(bbb)****Destination**  | **(1)(a)(i)(cc)(aaa)****Total Cost**  | **(1)(a)(i)(cc)(bbb)****Detailed breakdown** |
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| 1 | 2013/2014 | V Gordhan | Accompany Minister to the IMF/WB Spring meetings as well as USA Road Shows  | Washington D.C | R161 879.63 | Air travel |
| 2 | V Gordhan | Accompany Minister to the RMB London working visit; Innova Brics; G20 Ministers meeting and IMF/WB Annual meetings  | London and Washington D.C | R115 454.00 | Air travel |
| 3 | 2014/2015 | V Gordhan | Accompany Minister to the Harvard-African Development bank Ministerial Forum on Health Finance  | Washington D.C | R140 811.25 | Air travel |
| 4 | LN Nene | Accompany Minister to the 2014 IMF/WB Annual Meeting and the JBE&RMB Emerging Markets Investor Conference  | New York; Washington D.C and London | R126 569.14 | Air travelDaily Allowance |
| 5 | 2015/2016 | LN Nene | Accompany Minister to the 2014 IMF/WB Spring Meetings  | Washington D.C | R105 454.05 | Air travelDaily Allowance |
| 6 | LN Nene | Accompany Minister to the 2015 IMF/World bank Annual Meeting  | Lima and Peru | R208 639.44 | Air travelDaily AllowanceIncidental Cost |
| 7 | 2016/2017 | V Gordhan | Accompany Minister to the 2016 IMF / WB Spring meetings  | Washington D.C | R83 648.23 | Air travel |
| 8 | V Gordhan | Accompany Minister to the UK-FT Africa Summit; SA Tomorrow Conference and 2016 IMF / WB Annual meetings | London; New York and Washington D.C | R186 309.23 | Air travel |
| 9 | 2017/2018 | N Gigaba | Accompany Minister to the International Investor Road show | Washington D.C and New York | R145 168.72 | Air travelDaily Allowance |
| 10 | N Gigaba | Accompany Minister to the BRICS Conference and Central Bank Governors meeting | Shanghai | R204 041.36 | Air travelDaily Allowance |
| 13 | N Gigaba | Accompany Minister to the Fifth Annual South Africa Tomorrow Conference  | New York | R122 773.29 | Air travel |
| 14 | N Gigaba | Accompany Minister on the Asian Non-deal Roadshow | Tokyo; Beijing; Hong Kong & Singapore  | R198 146.09  | Air travelDaily AllowanceIncidental Cost |

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| 1 | 1 April 2018 | LN Nene | Accompanying Minister to attend the 2018 IMF/WB Spring Meetings  | Washington D.C | R123 427.61 | Air travelDaily allowanceIncidental Cost |