# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1819**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 19)**

**Mr Y Cassim (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(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 his 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?

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**REPLY:**

(1) I took a total of 49 international trips in the past five financial years.

1. I travelled with my spouse, Mrs TD Motsoaledi on four of the 49 trips mentioned above. One of these four trips was a fully sponsored trip by the host.
2. None

The table below presents a summary of the trips on which I was accompanied by my spouse.

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| **Purpose of trip** | **Destination** | **Total Cost to Dept** | **Breakdown of cost** |
| Air ticket | Daily allowance |
| 2013 International Symposium for Design and Health | Doha, State of Qatar | None, the trip was fully paid for by the hosts who invited me to to attend the Symposium | R63 381-00 | R6 352-00 |
| Celebration of Diplomatic relations between China and SA World Economic Forum Annual meeting of the New Champions 2014 | Tiajin, People's Republic of China  |  R57 340-47 | R51 496-00 | R5 844-47 |
| 4th meeting of the BRICS Health Ministers | Brasilia, Brazil | R74 038-20 | R69 537-39 | R4 500-81 |
| Stop TB Partnership Board retreat, meeting and other activities  | Paris, France | R71 758-58 | R64 996-72 | R6 761-86 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **R203,137.25** |  |  |

(2) Yes, each of the specified trips were approved by the President in terms of the provisions of Section1, Annexure A of the Ministerial Handbook.

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