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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr G R Krumbock (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

(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? NW1997E

**REPLY**

**I have been informed by my department:**

 (1) Yes,

 (i) In 2014 total was R173 079.56

 (ii) In 2015 total was R377 316.26

 (iii) In 2016 total was R608 414.42

 (iv) In 2017 total was R467 626.93

(2) All trips were official and received required approvals

**Approved/ not approved**

**Dr Siyabonga Cwele, MP**

**Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services**

**Date:**