**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IQP 19 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**1843. Mr J R B Lorimer (DA) to ask the Minister of Women in The Presidency:**

(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 Office;

(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?NW2002E

**REPLY**

Section 3 and 6 and subsequent subsections of the Ministerial Handbook allows the Executive Members to be accompanied by their spouses or an adult family member instead of their spouses in their official journeys abroad at departmental expenses. Yes, the Minister has been accompanied to the UN commission on the Status of Women to New York by her brother as per the Ministerial Handbook.

(11) Since 1 April 2018, no International Trip has been taken by the Minister.

2. All international trips of Members of the Executive are processed and approved by the State President