**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1886 [NW2186E]**

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**1886. Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(1) Whether the Chairperson of the SA Airways (SAA) Board is entitled to a security detail; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how many (a) security minders are on duty to protect the incumbent at any given time and (b) hours of the day are the specified minders present with the specified person;

(2) whether the specified minders are armed; if so, what firearms do they carry;

(3) what were the costs of employing the specified minders for each month since the specified person’s appointment in 2012;

(4) whether the specified minders travel with the specified person; if not, why not; if so, what were the total costs of (a) accommodation and (b) travel expenses incurred for the specified minders for each month since the specified person’s appointment in 2012;

(5) whether the specified minders are present at any SAA Board meetings; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the relevant details of all SAA Board meetings that the specified minders attended and (b) was the specified minders’ presence at the specified meetings sanctioned by the SAA Board?

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**REPLY:**

The following information was submitted by South African Airways Board:

No member of the South African Airways Board including its Chairperson is entitled to a security detail; however the company provides general security at all its premises. No special security arrangements have been made and no minders have been appointed by SAA to protect the Chairperson. Consequently no expenditure has been incurred by the Company in this regard.

The National Treasury cannot verify this information.