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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 189**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 1 OF 2018)**

**Ms N K F Hlonyana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

(1) Whether (a) her department and/or (b) entities reporting to her procured services from a certain company (name furnished); if so, (i) what services were procured in each case and (ii) what is the total amount that was paid to the specified company in each case;

(2) whether the specified company provided services related to international travel to (a) her department and/or (b) entities reporting to her; if so, (i) what is the name of each person who travelled, (ii) what was the travel route and (iii) what is the total amount that was paid for each person accompanying her?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) has procured events and conference services from Travel With Flair (TWF) for the period of July 2015 to November 2015.

(i)-(ii) The details are as follows:

| ***Date*** | ***Confirmed venue*** | ***Total cost of booking*** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2015-07-18 | Richardsbay Mandela Day | 7 128 789.40 |
| 2015-09-14 | Ingeli Forest Resort | 119 156.25 |
| 2015-09-04 | Premier Hotel O.R.Tambo | 133 578.00 |
| 2015-08-31 | Radisson Blu Sandton | 16 400.00 |
| 2015-08-29 | Protea O.R.Tambo Airport | 44 916.50 |
| 2015-10-12 | The Nutting House Lodge | 169 172.00 |
| 2015-04-09 | The Aviator Hotel | 15 541.05 |
| 2015-05-09 | Coastlands On The Ridge | 7 585.00 |
| 2015-07-09 | Park Inn Sandton | 10 455.00 |
| 2015-07-10 | The Lakes Hotel & Conference | 11 537.40 |
| 2015-09-21 | Kopanong Hotel | 92 901.90 |
| 2015-09-17 | Houghton Boardroom | 13 484.49 |
| 2015-09-16 | Holiday Inn Sandton | 5 381.25 |
| 2015-09-29 | Protea Hotel Samrand | 18 388.50 |
| 2015-11-26 | Birchwood Hotel | 41 745.00 |
| 2015-09-16 | Inter Continental Hotel | 3 690.00 |
| 2015-10-22 | Protea Hotel Manor | 15 928.50 |
| 2015-09-30 | Fairmont Zimbali Lodge | 3 782.25 |
| 2015-10-15 | *Protea O.R.Tambo Airport* | 17 737.63 |
| 2015-10-15 | The Lakes Hotel & Conference | 118 570.77 |
| 2015-10-21 | Kopanong Hotel & Conference | 47 398.05 |
| 2015-10-21 | Protea Hotel Capital | 47 150.00 |
| 2015-10-20 | The Townhouse Hotel | 15 893.14 |
| 2015-09-28 | The Manderson Hotel | 86 100.00 |
| 2015-10-23 | Intercontinental Hotel | 3 075.00 |
| 2015-10-31 | Protea Hotel O.R.Tambo | 7 303.13 |
| 2015-10-29 | Holiday Inn Sandton | 6 702.50 |
| 2015-01-11 | Marion On Nicol | 4 120.50 |
| 2015-11-14 | Protea O.R.Tambo Airport | 6 380.63 |
| 2015-11-23 | Manhattan Hotel | 26 414.25 |
| 2015-11-24 | The Aviator Hotel | 39 518.67 |
| 2015-11-30 | Protea Hotel Centurion | 34 600.00 |
| 2015-01-12 | Coastlands On The Ridge | 24 600.00 |
| 2015-01-12 | President Hotel Bloemfontein | 21 525.00 |
| 2015-02-12 | The Townhouse Hotel | 28 633.39 |
| 2015-01-12 | Orion Promenade Hotel | 37 925.00 |
| 2015-02-12 | The Hemingways Hotel | 25 625.00 |
| 2015-01-12 | Golden Leopard | 13 120.00 |
| 2015-02-12 | Park Hotel Mokopane | 16 400.00 |
| 2015-11-28 | Protea Hotel O.R.Tambo | 3 536.25 |
| 2015-12-01 | Park Inn Sandton | 5 678.50 |

The Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) and National Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) have provided the following responses to the questions posed.

(b) The details of entities that procured services from TWF and amounts paid are provided below:

| **Entity** | **Date** | **(1) (b) (i) Procured services in each instance** | **(1) (b) (ii) Total amount paid to Travel With Flair** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **INSETA** | 2016/17 | Service fees  Travel | 83 577.51  2 928 877.96 |
| 2017/18 | Service fees  Travel | 2 291.74  12 623 |
| **FP&M SETA** | 2016/17 | 1. Domestic Air Travel 2. Conference Package/Venue Hire 3. Accommodation 4. Car Hire 5. Transfers/Shuttle Services 6. Food & Beverage 7. Audio Visual 8. Accommodation International   Accommodation No Show Fee | 1 072 328  726 796  554 546  472 277  77 134  43 016  7 400  8 179  1 400 |
| 2017/18 | 1. Domestic Air Travel 2. Car Hire 3. Conference Package/Venue Hire 4. Accommodation 5. Transfers/Shuttle Services 6. Visa & Passports Charges 7. Accommodation International 8. Food & Beverage 9. Audio Visual   Insurance | 1 144 435  518 078  399 564  253 660  23 046  12 089  96 713  5 539  1 815  630 |
| **AGRISETA** | 2016/17 | Travel and accommodation bookings on behalf of AgriSETA | 329 191 |
| 2017/18 | Travel and accommodation bookings on behalf of AgriSETA | 190 094 |
| **CHIETA** | 2016/17 | Accommodation  Car hire | Accommodation Service fee: R65.00 per transaction  Car hire service fee: R55 per transaction  Billback fee:R55 per transaction  7% (of actual cost) Service fee for group bookings  R133 672.53 |
| 2017/18 | Accommodation  Car hire | 147 095.23 |
| **BANKSETA** | 2016/17 | Domestic Air Travel  Car Hire  Accommodation  Transfers | 52 039 |
| 2017/18 | Domestic Air Travel  Car Hire  Accommodation  Transfers | 61 237 |
| **NSFAS** | 2016/17 | Accommodation  Air Fares  Car Hire  Shuttle service | 8 194 804.63  13 108 985.92  3 738 336.60  2 498 254.72 |
| **W&RSETA** | 2016/17 | Domestic Travel  International Travel  Accommodation  Car hire | 263 995  440 889  175 305  202 125 |

(b) (i)-(ii) The NIHSS has procured services from Travel With Flair (TWF). Various services were procured, mainly travel, accommodation and conferences. The details are as follows:

| **Category** | **Supplier Group** | **Total Sum of Tot Fare** | **Total % Split** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Accommodation** | Protea Hotel Group (G58) | 29 536 | 0.44% |
| Legacy Hotel Group (G45) | 162 618 | 2.40% |
| City Lodge Group (G13) | 4 350 | 0.06% |
| Tour Operator | 52 685 | 0.78% |
| Guest Housses/ General Hotels (G33) | 215 739 | 3.19% |
| Conference 31 Pax (G75) | 18 170 | 0.27% |
| Guvon Hotels & Spas (G35) | 223 700 | 3.31% |
| Intercontinental Hotels & Resorts (G40) | 4 391 | 0.06% |
| General Accommodation (Gea) | 6 000 | 0.09% |
| Tsogo Sun Hotels (G77) | 34 241 | 0.51% |
| Radisson Hoels & Resorts (G59) | 6 501 | 0.10% |
| Peermont Metcourt Hotels (G56) | 20 965 | 0.31% |
| Premier Hotels & Resorts (G57) | 3 783 | 0.06% |
| **Car Hire** | Car Hire (G09) | 59 696 | 0.88% |
| Guest Housses/ General Hotels (G33) | - | 0.00% |
| Transfers (G75) | 29 664 | 0.44% |
| **Conference** | Guest Housses/ General Hotels (G33) | 1 060 520 | 15.68% |
| Southern Suns (Sou) | 13 555 | 0.20% |
| Conference 31 Pax (G75) | 18 700 | 0.28% |
| Conference | 99 939 | 1.48% |
| Conferencing/ Events (G18) | 33 325 | 0.49% |
| Intercontinental Hotels & Resorts (G40) | 5 014 | 0.07% |
| **Domestic Air Travel** | S A Airways (083) | 2 218 699 | 32.80% |
| Kulula (161) | 46 431 | 0.69% |
| British Airways (125) | 167 981 | 2.48% |
| **Insurance** | Insurance (G39) | 6 570 | 0.10% |
| **International Air Travel** | American Airlines (001) | 197 404 | 2.92% |
| Cathay Pacific (160) | 250 565 | 3.70% |
| Turkish Airlines (235) | 50 656 | 0.75% |
| S A Airways (083) | 365 816 | 5.41% |
| Emirates Airline (176) | 406 109 | 6.00% |
| **Regional Air Tickets** | Kenya Airways (706) | 17 013 | 0.25% |
| **Transfers and Shuttles** | Transfers (G75) | 736 701 | 10.89% |
| Transfers | 57 350 | 0.85% |
| Conference | 140 600 | 2.08% |

1. (a) TWF did not provide services to the DHET related to international travel.

(b) Public entities **(Annexure A)** and NIHSS **(Annexure B)** have utilised TWF for international travel bookings. The (i) name of each person who travelled has been listed in the attached tables together with (ii) the travel route taken and (iii) amounts paid for each case.

**COMPILER DETAILS**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Minister signs Parliamentary Question 189.

MR GF QONDE

DIRECTOR–GENERAL: HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DATE:

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION 189 IS APPROVED / NOT APPROVED / AMENDED.

COMMENT/S

PROF HB MKHIZE, MP

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DATE:

**Annexure A:** Public Entities

| **Entity** | **2. In cases where they provided services related to international travel.** | **a) Name of the person travelled** | **b) Route travelled** | **c) Amount paid to Travel With Flair paid (R)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **FP&M SETA** | 2016/17 | Ms Felleng Yende (CEO) | Johannesburg (SA) – Dubai (United Arab Emi) – Birmingham (UK) – Dubai (United Arab Emi) – Johannesburg (SA) | 53 013 |
| 2017/18 | Ms Felleng Yende (CEO)  Ms Chereece Balkisson | Johannesburg (SA) – Dubai (United Arab Emi) – Dubai (United Arab Emi) – Johannesburg (SA)  Johannesburg (SA) – Dubai (United Arab Emi) – Dubai (United Arab Emi) – Johannesburg (SA) | 81 238    .  52 481 |
| **AGRISETA** | 2016/17 | Mr Frikkie Fouche  Mr Gerard Mamabolo  Mr Thami Ka Plaatjie | Abu Dhabi | 31 909 |
| **CHIETA** | 2017/18 | Mr Gerhardus Ceronie (Board Member)  Mr Daniel Ndou (Board Member)  Mr Mandla Nkabinde (Board Member)  Mr Salathia Phetla (Board Member)  Ms Raakshani Bridgemohan (Executive Manager)  Ms Princess Moumakoe (Manager)  Mr Vusimuzi Mkhatshwa (Specialist) | Johannesburg to Abu Dhabi  Attending World Skills Competitions  Johannesburg to Cleveland  (Ohio)  Training, preparations and exposure to international standards for World Skill Competitions. | 17 783.35 (Total service fees for group booking)  360 (Total Service fees) |
|  | Mr Phillipuss Terblanche (Participant for World Skills Competition)  Mr Etienne Nell (Trainer for World Skills Competition) |  |  |
| **NSFAS** | 2016/17 | Lerato Nage  Lerato Nage  Eugene Johannes  Msulwa Daca | Johannesburg to Nairobi (Kenya) to Johannesburg  Johannesburg to Salaam (Tanzania) to Johannesburg to Cape Town  Cape Town to Johannesburg to Nairobi (Kenya) to Johannesburg  Johannesburg to Salaam (Tanzania) to Johannesburg to Cape Town | 33 691.00  13 581.46  36 006.19  13 522.46 |
| **WRSETA SETA** | 2016/17 | 1. Board Members  2. Learners on the International Leadership Development Programme.  3. Project Manager for ILDP | 1. USA, India and Ghana  2. China and Russia and Ghana | 440 889 |

**Annexure B:** National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences

| **Date** | **a) Name of the person travelled** | **b) Route travelled** | **c) Amount paid to Travel With Flair paid (R)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 16/03/2017 | Maharajh Rasigan Mr | Jnb/Hkg/Pek/Hkg/Jnb | 12 943.23 |
| 16/03/2017 | Phaahla Elias Letuku Dr | Jnb/Hkg/Pek/Hkg/Jnb | 12 943.23 |
| 13/04/2017 | Sitas Aristides Prof | Jnb/Dxb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg | 73 448.23 |
| 13/04/2017 | Sitas Aristides Prof | Hkg/Dxb/Jnb | 0.00 |
| 22/02/2017 | Wa Thiongo Ngugi Mr | Lax/Lhr/Jnb/Lhr/Lax | 197 404.23 |
| 08/12/2016 | Mosoetsa Radebe Sarah Dr | Jnb/Lhr/Jnb | 48 336.23 |
| 20/12/2016 | Mosoetsa Radebe Sarah Dr | Jnb/Lhr/Jnb | 4 398.00 |
| 01/12/2016 | Motsemme Nthabiseng Dr | Jnb/Ist/Esb/Ist/Jnb | 12 390.23 |
| 05/12/2016 | Motsemme Nthabiseng Dr | Jnb/Ist/Esb/Ist/Jnb | 38 266.00 |
| 31/05/2017 | Luthuli Isaac Mr | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 19 274.23 |
| 31/05/2017 | Maharajh Rasigan Mr | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 19 274.23 |
| 31/05/2017 | Mofokeng Esther Tlaleng Ms | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 19 274.23 |
| 31/05/2017 | Mohamed Seeraj Mr | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 19 274.23 |
| 31/05/2017 | Motlhanke Simon Mr | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 19 274.23 |
| 31/05/2017 | Mphambukeli Thulisile Ms | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 19 274.23 |
| 31/05/2017 | Mthembu Philani Malibongwe | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 19 274.23 |
| 31/05/2017 | Muresan Arina Alexandra Ms | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 19 274.23 |
| 31/05/2017 | Phaahla Letuku Elias Mr | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 19 274.23 |
| 17/05/2017 | Sitas Aristides Prof | Cpt/Dxb/Ath Bru/Dxb | 76 901.23 |
| 17/05/2017 | Sitas Aristides Prof | Dxb/Cpt | 0.00 |
| 31/05/2017 | Sitas Aristides Prof | Jnb/Dxb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg | 110 305.23 |
| 31/05/2017 | Sitas Aristides Prof | Hkg/Jnb | 0.00 |
| 31/05/2017 | Thompson Ingrid Ms | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 19 274.23 |
| 31/05/2017 | Zondi Welcome Siphamandla Mr | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 19 274.23 |
| 01/06/2017 | Luruli Ndivhuwo Ms | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 19 274.23 |
| 01/06/2017 | Mosoetsa Radebe Sarah Dr | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 84 110.23 |
| 01/06/2017 | Pilane Busisiwe Ms | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 19 274.23 |
| 01/06/2017 | Sitas Aristides Prof | Cpt/Dxb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg | 72 614.23 |
| 01/06/2017 | Sitas Aristides Prof | Hkg/Dxb/Cpt | 0.00 |
| 05/06/2017 | Sitas Aristides Prof | Cpt/Dxb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg | 72 812.23 |
| 05/06/2017 | Sitas Aristides Prof | Hkg/Dxb/Cpt | 0.00 |
| 06/06/2017 | Thompson Ingrid Ms | Jnb/Hkg/Foc/Hkg/Jnb | 31 606.23 |
| 17/07/2017 | Mosoetsa Radebe Sarah Dr | Jnb/Lhr/Jnb | 85 709.29 |
| 11/07/2017 | Sitas Aristides Prof | Cpt/Dxb/Ath Bru/Dxb | 28.06 |
| 11/07/2017 | Sitas Aristides Prof | Dxb/Cpt | 0.00 |
| 11/10/2017 | Pampallis John Mr | Jnb/Lhr/Jnb | 85 769.29 |