

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**194. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

What (a) number of international trips did (i) she and (ii) the Deputy Minister undertake (aa) in the (aaa) 2013-14 and (bbb) 2014-15 financial years and (bb) since 1 April 2015, (b) was the (i) destination and (ii) purpose of each trip and (c) amount did each trip cost in terms of (i) flights, (ii) accommodation and (iii) any other related expenses? **NW17E**

**REPLY:**

(a)(i)(aa) The Minister of Small Business Development’s official international travel are as follows:

(aa)(aaa) **2013 – 2014**

Minister was only appointed to her current portfolio end of May 2014 on which falls under 2014 – 2015 financial year.

(aa)(bbb) **2014 – 2015**

One trip was undertaken by the Minister during this financial year

(bb) **1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016**

Six trips were undertaken by the Minister during this financial year.

(bb) **1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017**

(a)(i)(b) The destination and purpose of each trip is as follows:

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| **(i) Destination** | **(ii) Purpose** |
| Milan, Italy  15 – 18 March 2015 | attend the Entrepreneurship Ministerial to the Global Entrepreneurship Congress |
| Zimbabwe, Bulawayo  29 April – 1 May 2015 | To attend and participate in the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) and have bilateral talks with meet her counterpart, Minister Sithembiso Nyoni, Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises and Cooperative Development of the Republic of Zimbabwe. |
| Deauville, France  14 – 16 October 2015 | To attend and address the 11th Edition of the Women’s Forum Global Meeting on the Economy and Society. |

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| **(i) Destination** | **(ii) Purpose** |
| UK, London  16 – 20 October 2015 | To attend and speak at the 11th South Africa – United Kingdom Bilateral Forum to enhance South Africa- UK Economic relations, upon the invitation of the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation. |
| Berlin, Germany  7 – 11 November 2015 | To support President Zuma on his State visit to Germany and to address the Opening of the Youth Skills Development And Employment Symposium. |
| Switzerland, Geneva  11 – 13 November 2015 | To meet with Executives of the UNCTAD, ILO AND WIPO on how these institutions can work with South Africa to implore interventions into the informal sector and enhance South Africa’s entrepreneurial ecosystem. |
| USA, New York  11 – 18 March 2016 | To participate and lead round table discussion on gender economic empowerment as part of the South Africa’s delegation attending the 60th Session of The United Nation Commission on the Status of Women. |
| Maputo, Mozambique  20 – 21 March 2016 | To attend and participate as well as accompany the SMME’s delegation to a programme Business Forum |
| New Delhi and Goa, India  11 – 18 October 2016 | To attend the 8th BRICS Summit, BRICS Ministers of Trade and BRICS Trade Fair |

(a)(i)(c) The costs of the trip were as follows:

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| **Country** | **(i)Flights** | **(ii)Accommodation** | **(iii)Other expenses** |
| Milan, Italy | R 90 000.00 | R 15 000.00 | R36 000.0 |
| Zimbabwe, Bulawayo | R27 480.00 | R 12 000.00 | R13 500.00 |
| Deauville, France and UK, London | R365 000.00 | R91 259.00 | R116 689.00 |
| Berlin, Germany and Switzerland, Geneva | R142 000.00 | R56 220.00 | R56 628.00 |
| USA, New York | R130 980.00 | R80 778.00 | R140 608.00 |

(a)(ii)(aa) The Deputy Minister undertook official international travel as follows:

(aa) (aaa) **2013-14**

No DSBD related travel was undertaken by Deputy Minister as she was only appointed to her current portfolio at the end of May 2014.

(aa)(bbb) **2014-15**

Five trips were undertaken by the Deputy Minister for this financial year.

(a)(ii)(b) The destination and purpose of each trip is as follows:

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| **(i) Destination** | **(ii) Purpose** |
| Switzerland, Zurich  Date:  15-17 September | Deputy Minister travelled to the International seminar on the essential role of women in business for economic sustainability in Zurich, Switzerland to deliver a lecture on the role of the Department in supporting and creating women led enterprises. |
| India, Dehli and Mumbai  Date:  14-27 November | To lead a delegation of 34 South African SMME crafters to the India International Trade Fair, as part of the Department’s access to market programme. |
| USA, New York  Date:  09-20 March | To participate at the 59th session of the United Nations Commission on the status of women, as part of the South African official national delegation and speak on the Department support for women led enterprises. |
| Tanzania, Dar Es Salaam  Date:  23-26 March | To lead a business delegation on an international trade mission organised by the PBF as part of its primary objective of creating a platform of dialogue between its business community, national and international businesses, amongst others. |
| Brazil, Sao Paulo  Date:  14-16 March | To lead a South African delegation of pre-dominantly South African women entrepreneurs to attend the Global Summit of Women, in a drive to ensure that women are exposed to international business trends, and for government leaders from around the world to exchange solutions in policies and programs that can accelerate women’s economic development |
| USA, Atlanta and Santa Fe  Date: 04-14 July | To lead a delegation of South African crafters and artists as part of the DSBD’s commitment to facilitating different interventions that are geared towards supporting the South African Creative Industries to access international markets. The trip was also aimed at promoting a healthy trading relationship between South Africa and the United States, as well as learning and sharing experiences that would contribute to the domestic growth and exports of South Africa’s Creative Industries. |

(c) The costs of the trip were as follows:

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| **Country** | **(i)Flights** | **(ii)Accommodation** | **(iii)Other expenses** |
| Switzerland, Zurich | R147, 446.00 | R27, 432.00 | R58, 046.41 |
| India, Dehli and Mumbai | R146537.56 | R61, 403.04 | R39, 574.04 |
| USA, New York | R268, 103.16 | R96, 709.14 | R47, 357.16 |
| Tanzania, Dar Es Salaam | R27, 714.78 | R10, 995.60 | R51, 234.48 |
| Brazil, Sao Paulo | R179, 910.88 | R75, 367.72 | R54, 351.14 |
| USA, Atlanta and Santa Fe | R519, 622.88 | R110, 450.17 | R108, 145.94 |