**MINISTRY**

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**QUESTION FOR written REPLY:**

**NATIONAL** **ASSEMBLY (NA)**

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**1988. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation :**

Whether, the reference to the (a) last week of July 2020 and (b) first week of August 2020, the Deputy Minister, Mr Alvin Botes travelled to the (i) Karoo and (ii) Garden Route district on official business; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (aa) how did the Deputy Minister reach the destination, (bb) what total amount did the specified trip cost, (cc) who paid for the trip and (dd)what was the programme of the Deputy Minister while on the trip ? NW2549E

**REPLY:**

1. No, Deputy Minister Botes did not travel over the last week of July 2020.
2. (i) and (ii) The Deputy Minister travelled to the Karoo and Garden Route district on official business from 2 to 7 August 2020.

(aa) Deputy Minister Botes travelled by road   
(bb) R31 935.

(cc) The Office of the Deputy Minister covered the cost of the trip

(dd) The program/engagements over the period to assess responses to Covid 19 and Gender Based violence (GBV).