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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2151**

**Mr M J Cuthbert (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

1. Whether he will furnish Mr M Cuthbert with a list of official overseas trips that a certain person (name furnished) has taken during her tenure at his department, including the (a) cost, (b) destination and (c) purpose of each trip; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

2) whether the specified person ever received any gifts from Ithuba; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

3) whether the gifts were declared to his department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? [NW2716E]

**REPLY**

1. I am advised that according to the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**) records, the specified person travelled overseas as detailed below and that all trips undertaken were aligned to the functions for which the official is responsible and were duly authorised by the delegated authority.

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| **No** | **Destination (b)** | **Date** | **Cost (a) in Rand (R)** | **Purpose of each trip (c)** |
| 1 | Boston | Oct 2011 | 73 727,00 | Learning and development intervention. |
| 2 | Beijing and Shanghai | Nov 2011 | 61 661,00 | Attended the SA EXPO in Beijing and Shanghai as part of the Dept’s trade promotion programme. |
| 3 | Boston | Mar 2012 | 73 596,00 | Learning and development intervention. |
| 4 | Boston | Apr 2013 | 63 296,00 | Attended the 2013 Governance, Risk Management and Compliance Summit. |
| 5 | Kuala Lumpur | Jun 2013 | 35 454,00 | Invited to attend The Global Summit for Women 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. |
| 6 | Brazil | Aug 2013 | 57 077,00 | Conducted an international benchmarking study in Brazil pertaining to Public Entities and Statutory Institutions. |
| 7 | Washington | Nov 2013 | 75 843,00 | Attended the 17th Annual KM World Conference & Exposition in Washington. |
| 8 | Paris | Jun 2014 | 59 026,00 | Attended the Global Summit of Women in Paris. |
| 9 | Washington | Jul 2014 | 77 898,00 | Attended and participated in the AGOA Forum and the business engagements on the margins of US-Africa Leaders’ Summit. Provided support to the Minister. |
| 10 | Brazil | Oct 2014 | 69 708,00 | Led the delegation for the 6th Investment and Trade Initiative (ITI) in Brazil. |
| 11 | Washington | Nov 2014 | 96 567,39 | Learning and Development Conference in Washington. |
| 12 | Atlanta and Santa Fe | Jul 2015 | 100 311,72 | Trade promotion programme to Atlanta & Santa Fe. Supported the Deputy Minister. |
| 13 | California and St Louis | Oct 2015 | 104 453,72 | Learning and Development intervention.  Also met with Showroom Management Company regarding the trade promotion Hub in Atlanta. |
| 14 | Hong Kong | Mar 2016 | 60 916,72 | Participated in the Trade Promotion Expo. |
| 15 | Atlanta | Jul 2016 | 119 081,23 | Participated and attended the trade promotion programme in Atlanta. |
| 16 | Moscow | Sept 2016 | 48 688,23 | Attended and participated in the national Pavilion in Moscow. |
| 17 | Washington | Nov 2016 | 64 713,23 | Learning and development intervention. |
| 18 | Atlanta and Miami | Nov 2016 | 100 375,23 | Participated in the trade promotion programme. |
| 19 | San Diego | Apr 2017 | 125 456,23 | Meeting with institutional buyers regarding the trade promotion programme. |
| 20 | Doha Qatar | Apr 2017 | 60 793,23 | Attended the International Conference on Chemical Disarmament and Security as part of council function. |
| 21 | Atlanta | Jul 2017 | 97 586,29 | Participated in the Trade Promotion programme. |
| 22 | Atlanta | Jan 2018 | 80 163,29 | Participated in the Trade Promotion programme. |
| 23 | Atlanta | Jul 2018 | 64 021,68 | Participated in the Trade Promotion programme. |
| 24 | New York, Philadelphia and Orlando | Oct 2018 | 119 116,68 | Participated in the outward mission as part of the Trade Promotion programme. |
| 25 | Atlanta | Sept 2019 | 90 927,93 | Facilitated the Trade Promotion project closure. |
| 26 | Geneva, Germany and the United Kingdom | Nov 2019 | 101 427,93 | Part of SABS administration function to address a session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardisation Policies and undertook benchmarking visits to the British Standards Institute (BSI), German National Standards Body (DIN) and Swiss Standards Body (SNV). |

1. The specified person received the following gifts from Ithuba in 2016 when representing the Department at the launch of Ithuba’s new “Raffle” game:

* 1 box of chocolates;
* Two wine glasses;
* 1 pair of Jenna Clifford earrings; and
* Soap.

1. I am advised that the gifts were disclosed to the Department in 2016.

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