**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY:**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY:**

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**Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism:**

With reference to flights, accommodation and other expenses incurred by South African Tourism (SAT) linked to the proposed Tottenham Hotspur deal, (a) what were the total expenses incurred per line item for each party in each case, (b) (i) how and (ii) by what date will the specified expenses be reimbursed to the SAT by the parties concerned, (c) who will reimburse the expenses, (d)(i) what are the total amounts to be reimbursed and (ii) by whom in each case and (e) what are the reimbursement terms and conditions in each case? NW2789E

**REPLY:**

1. *What were the total expenses incurred per line item for each party in each case?*

I have been informed that the table below outlines the expenditure for flights, accommodation and other expenses:

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| **Line Item** | **SA Tourism Board** | **SA Tourism Officials** |
| Flights | R 303 334.94 | R 330 070.35 |
| Accommodation | R 154 673.55 | R 174 939.25 |
| Visa | R 27 421.30 | R 90 517.46 |
| Insurance | R 1 080.00 | R 1 125.00 |
| Transfers | R 6 785.00 | - |
| Subsistence & Travel Allowance | R 29 980.18 | R 30 866.60 |
| **Totals** | **R 523 274.97** | **R 627 518.66** |
| **Grand Total** | R1 150 793.63 | |

1. (i) and (ii) With reference to responses to Questions 2120 as tabled on 16 June, I have been informed by SA Tourism that there was no fruitless expenditure identified in relation to the proposed Tottenham Hotspur deal. As a result, there was no reimbursement requested.

The former Minister of Tourism approved the travel for the Board Chairperson. The Board Chairperson approved the travel for the Board members and the Acting Chief Executive Officer. This is in line with the travel approval process that was in place at the time. Thus, there was no fruitless expenditure in this regard.

The matter is, however, before Internal Audit for investigation.

(c)- (e) Not Applicable