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**Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Women in The Presidency:**

(1) What is the total number of international trips that (a) she and (b) her department’s officials undertook since she took office on 26 February 2018;

(2) what was the total costs of each international trip in terms of the airline used, class of travel, travel and subsistence budget and any other related cost;

(3) what are the names and other relevant details of members of staff in her Office and other departmental officials who undertook each international trip;

(4) what (a) was the purpose of each international trip, (b) were the expertise of the officials attending the international meetings or conferences, (c) value did the officials add to the conferences and (d) were the outcomes of each international trip undertaken;

(5) will she provide Ms L L van der Merwe with a detailed report of each conference attended overseas? NW2634E

**Reply**

* 1. The total number of international trips that were undertaken since the Minister took office on 26 February 2018 was five and the Minster attended one.

Refer to table below for response on bullet 2 & 3

| **No** | **Date** | **Destination** | **Purpose of trip** | **Officials** | | **Air Travel** | | **Accommodation**  **(all officials)** | **Travel and Subsistence** |
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|  |  |  |  | **Name** | **Unit** | **Class** | **Cost** |  |  |
| 1 | 12 – 23 March 2018 | New York | 62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW62) | Minister BO Dlamini – **(10-19 Mar 2018)** | Ministry | Business | R91 351 | R1 138 445 | R30 475 |
| Thokozani Dlamini - **(10-19 Mar 2018)** | Spouse | Business | R91 351 | R27 712 |
| Ms WR Tshabalala | DDG: Social Transformation & Economic Empowerment | Business | R153 359 | R22 075 |
| Ms A Griessel | DDG: Policy, Stakeholder Coordination & Knowledge Management | Business | R153 359 | R22 075 |
| L Oliphant | Ministry – Stakeholder | Business | R70 381 | R22 075 |
| Ms M Mefolo - **(10-19 Mar 2018)** | Ministry – Parliamentary Liaison Officer | Business | R118 799 | R22 075 |
| Ms E Maluleke | CD: Governance Transformation, Justice & Security | Business | R153 359 | R22 075 |
| Ms T Khosa | Dir: International Relations | Business | R153 359 | R22 075 |
| 2 | 3 – 4 May 2018 | Mauritius | Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Women’s Economic Empowerment Preparatory Workshop | Mr P Maponyane | Assistant Director: Economic Empowerment & Participation | Economy | R13 788 | R8 400 | RR2 726 |
| Ms N Shitlhango | Senior Admin Officer: International Relations | Economy | R13 788 | R2 726 |
| 3 | 7 – 9 May 2018 | Addis Ababa | 3rd Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Women Empowerment | Ms XV Mathobela | CD: Office of the Director-General | Economy | R32 839 | R31 000 | R4 427 |
| Mr B Thompson | Assistant Director: Strategic Management | Economy | R32 839 | R3 830 |
| 4 | 10 – 11 May 2018 | Addis Ababa | 3rd Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Women Empowerment - Minister’s Meeting | Ms E Maluleke | CD: Governance Transformation, Justice & Security | Economy | R32 425 | R15 500 | R2 947 |
| 5 | 27 – 28 June 2018 | Kenya | UN Regional Consultation on the Progress to Localize Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) | Ms A Griessel | DDG: Policy, Stakeholder Coordination & Knowledge Management | Economy | R68 345 |  | R0 |
| Ms ER Mailula | Senior Admin Officer: Office of the DDG – Social Transformation & Economic Empowerment | Economy | R10 974 | R4 303 |

Refer to table for response on bullet 4

| **No** | **Date** | **Destination** | **A - Purpose of trip** | **Official** | **B - Expertise of official** | **C – Value add of official** | **D – Outcome of trip** |
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| 1 | 12 – 23 March 2018 | New York | 62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW62) | Minister BO Dlamini |  | Provided strategic direction and leadership at the conference | A CSW report has been compiled and shared with relevant stakeholders, and currently being shared with all relevant government clusters |
| Thokozani Dlamini | Spousal Support | Spousal Support |
| Ms WR Tshabalala | Strategist in gender issues and policy matters | Provided strategic and technical support to the Minister, Deputy Ministers and MECs who attended  Supervised official s on the work programme, and managed content development  led the SA negotiation team |
| Ms A Griessel | Policy developer, analyst and M& E expertise | Provision of technical and content support to the Minister and part of the negotiation team |
| L Oliphant | Media expertise | Served as media liaison officer in collaboration with GCIS and DIRCO |
| Ms M Mefolo | Secretarial expertise | Ministerial Aid | **D – Outcome of trip** |
| Ms E Maluleke | Gender expert and strategist on mainstreaming | Provided technical support on content development including side events and participated during negotiations | A CSW report has been compiled and shared with relevant stakeholders, and currently being shared with all relevant government clusters |
| Ms T Khosa | International relations expertise | Provided International relations expertise and liaison with Embassy |
| 2 | 3 – 4 May 2018 | Mauritius | Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Women’s Economic Empowerment Preparatory Workshop | Mr P Maponyane | An economist | Provided technical support on economic analysis regarding opportunities within the IORA region for women |
| Ms N Shitlhango | Support staff | Provided administrative support to the assistant director |
| 3 | 7 – 9 May 2018 | Addis Ababa | 3rd Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Women Empowerment | Ms XV Mathobela | Ensure the issues negotiated upon and agreed upon find expression in the strategic plan(s) of the department | A strategic officer responsible for strategic planning in the department |
| Mr B Thompson | Strategic Planning Officer | An officer responsible for strategic planning in the department |
| 4 | 10 – 11 May 2018 | Addis Ababa | 3rd Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Women Empowerment - Minister’s Meeting | Ms E Maluleke | Gender expert and strategist on mainstreaming | Provided technical support on content development including side events and participated during negotiations | A CSW/62 report has been compiled and shared with relevant stakeholders, and currently being shared with all relevant government clusters |
| 5 | 27 – 28 June 2018 | Kenya | UN Regional Consultation on the Progress to Localize Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) | Ms A Griessel | Policy developer, analyst and M& E expertise | Provision of technical and content support to the Minister and part of the negotiation team |
| Ms ER Mailula | Support staff | Provided administrative support to the Deputy Director General |

Apart from the CSW/62 session there are international resolutions agreed upon on all sessions attended and negotiated upon, and are found on the web site of each conference/session.