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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION 2623**

**2623. Mr M J Cuthbert (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

(1) What (a) amount did his (i) department and/or (ii) Ministry spend on vehicle hire for (aa) himself and (bb) the Deputy Ministers (i) Ms N Gina and (ii) Mr F Z Majola and (b) are all the relevant details in each case;

(2) whether he has found that hired vehicles have been used in place of ministerial vehicles assigned to (a) him and (b) the Deputy Ministers; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the (i) reasons and (ii) relevant details;

(3) whether he will furnish Mr M J Cuthbert with a list of all of the service providers used to hire vehicles for him and the specified Deputy Ministers; if not, why not; if so, on what date? NW3337E

**REPLY**

As per the Ministerial Handbook, official vehicles are provided to Ministers and Deputy Ministers in order for them to carry out their official duties. In instances where official vehicles are not available, vehicles are then hired.

As per our records, cars were hired for Minister Ebrahim Patel for use in cities where no official vehicle was available, as follows:

**Minister Ebrahim Patel**

| **Place of hire** | **Travel date** | **Return date** | **Amount (R)** | **Supplier Name** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Port Elizabeth | 25-Jul-19 | 25-Jul-19 | 1 565,73 | Phakisa world fleet Solutions Isando (Hwt.Pks) |
| Durban | 12-Jul-19 | 13-Jul-19 | 1 771,81 | Phakisa world fleet Solutions Isando (Hwt.Pks) |
| Durban | 14-Sep-19 | 15-Sep-19 | 3 932,35 | Woodford Car And Bakkie Hire (Hwt.Wch) |
| Durban | 4-Oct-19 | 4-Oct-19 | 2 970,68 | Woodford Car And Bakkie Hire (Hwt.Wch) |
| Durban | 16-Oct-19 | 18-Oct-19 | 6 363,34 | Woodford Car And Bakkie Hire (Hwt.Wch) |
| **Total** |  |  | **16 603,91** |   |

The records for the Deputy Ministers are still being collated and will be provided as a supplementary reply as soon as possible.

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