**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**DATE :15th SEPTEMBER 2017**

**QUESTION NO.: 2636**

**MS D VAN DER WALT (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:**

1. With reference to her guests that attended her department’s Budget Vote speech on 24th May 2017.
2. Whom did she invite?
3. What is her relationship, personal or professional, with each guest?
4. Which airline was used in each case?
5. What class of travel was flown in each case and?
6. What was the total cost for each guest paid for this trip?
7. Whether her department paid any (a) accommodation and/or (b) food and beverages for any of the guests; if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, What are the relevant details?

**REPLY:**

(a)(b) Business Community, Traditional Leaders, Representative of Local and Provincial Government and Leaders of Local and Provincial Government. Amongst the guests, six (6) of them have personal relationship with the Minister and the rest professional.

(c) SAA.

1. Economy.
2. Department expenditure relating to Quarter (1) Financial year 2017/18 has been disclosed in the quarter one (1) report that has been tabled in Parliament Portfolio Committee for Public Service and Administration on 13 September 2017.

2. The Department paid for accommodation. The accommodation costs includes bed, breakfast and dinner; hence no additional costs were paid for food and beverages for any of the guests.