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**QUESTION 2699**

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**2699. Ms T E Baker (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

Whether (a) he, (b) his Deputy Ministers and (c) any officials in his department travelled to China in the 2014-15 financial year; if so, what was the (i) purpose of each specified visit and (ii)(aa) total cost and (bb) breakdown of such costs of each specified visit? **NW3130E**

**THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM:**

1. Yes,
2. No,
3. Yes.
4. The purposes of the visits were to share experiences and international best practice in the functional areas of land reform and rural development, as well as skills development for youth in business.

 (ii) (aa) Total: R4 019168.25

(bb)

* Visit 1: To the People’s Republic of China from 27 October to 01 November 2014: R263 089.25
* Visit 2 : ( 24 October – 02 November 2014) : 42 member deligation including 10 officials : R1 109 570
* Visit 3 ( 22 March – 06 April 2014 ) 52 member deligation including 11 officials : R1 356 849
* Visit 4 : ( 22 August—07 September 2014 ) 42 -member delegation

 including 11 officials: R1 289 660