###### National Assembly

Question Number: 2702

**Mr J R B Lorimer (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether (a) she, (b) her Deputy Minister and (c) any officials in her department travelled to China in the 2014-15 financial year; if so, what was the (i) purpose of each specified visit and (ii)(a) total cost and (ii)(b) breakdown of such costs of each specified visit? NW3133E

**REPLY**

1. Yes, from 29 November - 06 December 2014

(b) No

(c) Yes

(i) State Visit to the People’s Republic of China

(ii) (a) R163 199.30

 (ii) (b) Airfare: R149 459.00

 S&T Advance: R 13 740.30

 DIRCO has not submitted the invoices for Accommodation, Translators and Ground transport.

 (c) (i) see table below

 (ii) (a) **R582 771.48**

 (b) See table below

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| **Passenger** | **Purpose of visit (c) (i)**  | **Travel Date** | **Breakdown of Costs (c) (ii) (b)** |
| Mr Mkhacani Godfrey Maluleke | Integrated Border Management Agency During September and October 2015 (BMA) | 18-27 October 2014  |  Airfares: R 71 764.00Daily Allowance: R 8 683.65Accommodation: Waiting for invoices from DIRCOGround transport: Waiting for invoices from DIRCO**Total Amount: R80 447.65** |
| Ms Keitumetse Mathibe | State Visit to the People’s Republic of China | 29 November - 06 December 2014 | Airfares: R149 459Daily Allowance: R 12 491.20Accommodation: Waiting for invoices from DIRCO**Total: R161 950.20** |
| Ms Lesego Ntsieni  | State Visit to the People’s Republic of China | 29 November - 06 December 2014 | Airfares: R149 459 Daily Allowance: R 12 491.20Accommodation: Waiting for invoices from DIRCO**Total: R161 950.20** |
| Mr Mawethu Vilana | State Visit to the People’s Republic of China | 29 November 2014  | Airfare: R62 446 Advance: **R 12 575.32**Accommodation: Waiting for invoices from DIRCO**Total: R75 021.32** |
| Mr P Mohan | Cross Border Road Transport study Tour to China | 7-13 March 2015 | Airfares: R 72 332.14Accommodation: R 15 670.00Daily Allowance: R 15 400.00**Total Amount:** **R 103 402.14** |
| **TOTAL COST** |  |  | **R582 771.48** |