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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION PAPER: No. 32 of 08 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**DATE OF REPLY: 10 OCTOBER 2017**

**2732. Mr T W Mhlongo (DA) asked the Minister of Sport and Recreation:**

(1) Whether he accompanied the national football squad, Bafana Bafana, for their match against Cape Verde on 2 September 2017; if so (a) what was the reason for this, (b) who paid for the (i) travel costs and (ii) accommodation costs;

(2) whether any other costs were incurred on this trip; if so, who will pay for these costs? **NW3039E**

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**The Minister of Sport and Recreation**

**REPLY:**

(1) Yes.

(a) The Minister was invited by the South African Football Association (SAFA) to accompany the national senior men’s football team (Bafana Bafana), as the team was to play in a crucial FIFA World Cup qualifiying match against Cape Verde.

(b) (i) and (ii) The traveling costs for the Minister were borne by SAFA.

(2) The only other cost of the trip was subsistence allowance, which was covered by the Department of Sport and Receation South Africa.