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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr S Mokgalapa (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:.**

Whether (a) he and (b) any officials in his Office 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?

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**Reply:**

1. Yes, I travelled to China during the 2014/15 financial year
2. Yes, officials from my office travelled with me to China
3. The purpose was to embark on a State Visit on 04 and 05 December 2014, where the following issues were deliberated upon:
* to review the status of South Africa’s bilateral relations with China;
* to adopt the Five-to-Ten Year Strategic Programme for Cooperation;
* to commit China to South Africa’s industrialisation agenda development finance and request an increase in training slots;
* Discussing the high level Forum on Africa and China meeting that will take place in South Africa in December 2015;
* to encourage China to commit to assist in establishing the African Regional Centre on the New Development Bank; and
* Conclude the 2014 year of South Africa in China.
1. Total costs related to the logistics of the visit including accommodation and transport were R834, 868.64.