**ANNEX A: PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION: 2837**

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| **(aa) EVENT** | **Outcome (bb)** | **Duration (cc)** | **Role (ii)** | **(c)(i) DELEGATION** | **(dd) Cost of each trip** |
| 4th Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development | The meeting identified targets to promote affordable and accessible broadband in developing countries and underserved communities as part of the efforts to achieve the UN 2030 SDG agenda. The meeting addressed means to tackle high broadband costs, the huge gender divide that continues to persist, and strategies to ensure education and gender access, digital scorecard and affordable technologies to boost access by 2020. These include availability of infrastructure, availability of local and relevant educational content and applications, taking into consideration that 50% of global population does not have access to internet and are unbanked, therefore education is crucial. | 15 – 18 March Hong Kong, China | The Minister is a Commissioner serving in the ITU-UNESCO Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development. | 1. Ms Nonkqubela Jordan-Dyani (DDG: ICT International Affairs & Trade) 2. Mr Tinyiko Ngobeni (DDG: ICT Infrastructure Development) 3. Ms Sibongile Mdletshe (PA to the Minister) | R330 647.00 |
| G20 Ministerial on Digital Economy | The Ministers of G20 recognised the importance of digitisation to foster economic growth, promote well-being and to enable participation of all citizens in the global economy. The meeting of Ministers approved the declaration on G20 Digital Economy. The meeting highlighted some key challenges and gaps between developed and developing countries and the need to invest in training and skills development for youth to prepare for the digital society. | 5 – 8 April Dusseldorf, Germany | The Minister led the South African delegation, as part of the sectorial agenda and inputs to the G20 Summit. | 1. Mr Alfred Mashishi (Acting DDG: Information Society Development) 2. Mr Jim Paterson (Director: Multilateral Affairs) 3. Mr Neil Roelfse (VIP Protector) | R257 559.00 |
| Transform Africa Summit | South Africa joined the Smart Africa Alliance and committed to champion Localisation and skills development for the digital Africa, as approved and mandated by Cabinet. The objectives are to drive industrialisation through national infrastructure plan, stimulate demand for locally produced electronics; boost SMME; build relevant and resilient infrastructure to foster innovation, and promote private-public partnerships at continental level for ICT innovation. The Transform Africa Summit also launched of the Smart Cities master plan, providing a blueprint for the development of smart cities in Africa. The Minister also forged partnership with Inmarsat to pilot Smart Villages programme in South Africa. | 10 – 12 May  Kigali, Rwanda | The Minister was requested by the President to represent His Excellency at the Transform Africa Summit. | 1. Ms Nonkqubela Jordan-Dyani (DDG: ICT International Affairs & Trade) 2. Ms Jeanette Morwane (Chief Director: ISAD) 3. Mr Jim Paterson (Director: Multilateral Affairs) 4. Mr Craig Meyer (Ministry) | R149 783.00 |
| Tallinn Conference on e-Governance | Estonia and other EU countries are ranked high in global indices and South Africa was able to obtain cooperate with Estonia on e-Government programme focusing on sharing knowledge and experiences e-Government Strategy and Implementation, Technology and Standards, services automation and software development, and capacity building for government. The delegation also initiated discussions with the Estonia to share experiences on Cybersecurity, security of networks, electronic signatures, identity theft, and personal data theft. | 28 – 30 May Tallinn, Estonia | The Minister was invited as one of the 5 African Countries to the Conference on e-Governance. | 1. Mr Alfred Mashishi (Acting DDG : Information Society Development) 2. Ms Mimi Bulelwa Tau (Director: Bilateral Affairs) 3. Mr Dominic Khumalo (Ministry) | R285 372.00 |
| 3rd BRICS Ministers of Telecommunications Meeting | The 3rd BRICS Ministers Meeting adopted a Declaration that fully recognize the significance of ICT (Information and Communications Technology) as a necessary tool for promoting the growth and development of developing countries, and further identify the BRICS cooperation framework in the ICT field as the basis for our future collaboration. We are pushing forward cooperation in fields including B2B Engagement, R&D and Innovation, and Capacity Building, which will improve the cooperative research, trade and engagement among BRICS member countries. The meeting also agreed on the establishment of the BRICS Institute of Future Networks.  Further, South Africa, through the entities, forged partnerships with counterparts on:   * Capacity development on satellite for communications services * Cooperation on e-Commerce through the Post and capacity building. * SMME partnerships on equipment manufacturing and sourcing | 26 – 29 July Hangzhou, China | As a Statutory body under the BIRCS Cooperation, the Minister led the South African delegation to the annual BRICS Ministers Meeting. | 1. Mr Robert Nkuna (Director-General) 2. Ms Nonkqubela Jordan-Dyani (DDG: ICT International Affairs & Trade) 3. Mr Zwelibanzi Masilela (Director: Bilateral Affairs) 4. Mr Charles Mabuza (Director: ICT SMMEs) 5. Ms Sibongile Mdletshe (PA to the Minister) | R331 230.00 |