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**Ms M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

(1)      Whether any representatives from any of the entities reporting to him accompanied him on any of the official international trips that he undertook since 1 January 2017; if so, (a) which representatives accompanied him, (b) what role did each representative play on the trip and (c) what were the costs incurred for each representative’s (i) travel, (ii) accommodation and (iii) attendance or speakers’ fees to participate in each trip;

(2) Whether any guests accompanied the official delegation on any of the international trip undertaken by him since 1 January 2017; if so, (a) what is the name of each guest, (b) what is each guest’s relationship with the relevant member of the delegation, (c) in what capacity did the guest accompany the official delegation and (d) at what cost in each case;

(3) Whether his department paid for the costs incurred for each representative accompanying him; if not, how was the representatives’ trips financed? NW3145E

**REPLY:**

**I have been informed by the Department as follows:**

1. Yes, please see attached Annex A.

(2) Yes, the Minister was accompanied by guests to Kigali, Rwanda from 10 – 12 May 2017 as well as Estonia 28 -30 May 2017 as well as Hangzhou, China from 26 – 29 July 2017.

(a) Names provided in **Annex A.**

(b) No relations to the delegation.

(c) Details provided in **Annex A**

(d) No cost to the Department.

(3) The Department did not cover any costs for the representatives. The guest’s costs were covered by their respective organisation.