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| **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  **WRITTEN REPLY**  **QUESTION 3268 / NO3870E**    **MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES:**  **Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**  **QUESTION** |

1. What (a) total amount did his department spend on air travel between Gauteng and Cape Town for employees attending Parliament business in the 2014-15 financial year and (b) is the total number of trips that were undertaken;

(2)      What is the total amount that his department spent on (a) accommodation and (b) car rental in Cape Town for employees attending Parliament business in the specified financial year?                            NW3870E

**REPLY**

1. (a) The total amount that DAFF spent on air travel between Gauteng and Cape Town for employees was R**15 144 235.14.**

(b) Total number of trips that were undertaken was 2561.

1. (a) The total amount spent on accommodation by DAFF during April 2014- March 2015 was **R 2 879 035.45;**

(b) The total amount spent on car rental for employees during April 2014 – March 2015 was **R1 237 539.22.**

***The purpose of the trip is reflected on the trip authorization form but is not recorded on the invoice system. For the purposes of responding to this question, the actual expenditure as reflected on the invoice system is used. It will be a mammoth task to obtain the relevant information from the multitude of trip authorizations at hand. The trips to Cape Town are not only for Parliamentary business but also include visits to Regional Offices and meetings in the Western Cape.***