**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**Question 3277**

**Mr N F Shivambu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

(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?NW3880E

**Response:**

(1) According to the department’s travel records, officials undertook 769 official trips to Cape Town in the 2014/15 financial year, amounting to R3 567 438.00. The trips included the attendance of Parliamentary business as well as to attend other official engagements and duties. The department’s travel records do not differentiate between Parliamentary business and other official business. All costs incurred for air travel, car rental and accommodation was in line with National Treasury’s cost containment measures.

(2) For the 769 official trips the total amount spent on accommodation is R764 926.85 and the amount spent on car rental is R226 819.12.