**3722.     Mr J H Steenhuisen (DA) to ask the Deputy President:**

(a) How many trip(s) has he taken to (i) Brazil, (ii) the Russian Federation, (iii) the Republic of India and (iv) the People’s Republic of China since 1 April 2015, (b) on what date were the specified trips taken, (c) what was the purpose of the trip(s) in each case and (d) which government (i) officials and/or (ii) presidential staff accompanied him on each specified trip?                             NW4406E

**Reply:**

The Deputy President visited the People’s Republic of China from 13-17 July 2015.

The purpose of the visit was to discuss economic and trade matters, including how state-owned enterprises can be used to promote economic growth and address the challenges of poverty and unemployment in South Africa.

The Deputy President led a delegation comprising the Ministers of Public Enterprises and Higher Education, and the Deputy Ministers of International Relations and Cooperation, Energy, Finance and Trade and Industry.

Presidency support staff and the relevant departmental officials accompanied the Deputy President.