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**Dr MZ Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of State Security**

1. Whether (a) his department and/or (b) entities reporting to him procured services from a certain company (name furnished); if so, (i) what services were procured in each case and (ii) what is the total amount that was paid to the specified company in each case;
2. Whether the specified company provided services related to international travel to (a) his department and/or (b) entities reporting to him; if so, (i) what is the name of each person who travelled, (ii) what was the travel route and (iii) what is the total amount that was paid for each person?

**RESPONSE:**

1. It should be noted that the SSA has not engaged the services of the company mentioned. Yet, in applying the principles of the broader SSA strategy not to divulge information relating to operations, it is recommended that the following answer be submitted:

* Information relating to service providers to the State Security Agency (SSA) forms part of the broader operational strategy of the SSA and therefore remains classified and privileged.
  + Information about service providers and details such as travel information are matters that fall in the ambit of national security and therefore excluded from public disclosure.
  + It should however be observed that the SSA is held accountable on such matters by the Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence (JSCI).