**National Assembly**

**Question Number: 377**

**377. Mr H S Gumbi (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What (a) number of official international trips is (i) he and (ii) his deputy planning to undertake in the 2019-22 medium term expenditure framework, (b) will the (i) destination, (ii) date, (iii) purpose and (iv) number of persons who will travel with the delegation be and (c) is the detailed breakdown of the expected cost of (i) flights, (ii) accommodation and (iii) any other expenses in each case? NW1349E

**Financial Year: July 2019 / March 2020**

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 | 1. i) **Destination**
 | ii) **Date** | iii) **Purpose** | iv) **No. of Delegates** | **c**) i) **Flights** | ii) **Accommodation** | iii) **Allowances** |
| Minister | Colombia, Cartegena | 15 -17 Sept  | IMO World Maritime Day Parallel Event | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R400 000, Three business class and two economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | USD 85 x 5persons x 5 days = USD 2125 = R32 445.80 |
| Canada, Montreal | 24 Sept - 4 October | ICAO Assembly | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | R 832 489.65 Five business class | Rates provided by the Mission \* | C$174 x 5 persons x 5 days =C$ 4350 = R 50032.90 |
| Tanzania | 16-20 September | SADC Ministers Meeting | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R90 000. 00 Three business class and two economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | USD 117 x 5 persons x 5 days = USD 2925= R44 660.70 |
| USA, New York | September  | UN Climate Summit | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R 600 000.00 Five business class | Rates provided by the mission \* | USD 153 x 5 persons x 5 days = USD 3825 =R 58 402.40 |
| UAE, Abu Dhabi | 6-10 October | 26th World Road Congress | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | R 274 689.65 Three business class and two economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | UAE Dir 635 x 5 persons x 5 days = UAE Dir 5875.20 = R 24 416.80  |
| Singapore, Singapore | 21-10 October | 26th Intelligent Transport Systems World Congress | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R400 000, Three business class and two economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | Singapore $ 211 x 5 persons x 5 days = Singapore $ 5275 = R 58 043.90  |
| Spain, Torremolinos | 21-23 October  | Ministerial Conference on Fishing Vessel Safety and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R450 000, Three business class and two economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | Euro 102 x 5 persons x 5 days = Euro 2550 = R 43 164.10  |
| Canada, Montreal | 18-29 Nov  | ICAO Council – Council Phase | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R 998 987.58 Five business class | Rates provided by the Mission \* | C$ 174 x 5 persons x 5 days = C$ 4350 = R 50 032.90 |
| United Kingdom, London  | 21-22 Nov | IMO Council- Extraordinary Session | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R 506 913.00 Four business class and one economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | GBP 104 x 5 persons x5 days = GBP 2600 = R 47 880.90 |
| United Kingdom, London | 25 Nov - 6 December | IMO Assembly | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R 608296.3 Four business class and one economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | GBP 104 x 5 persons x5 days = GBP 2600 = R 47 880.90 |
| Switzerland | December | Geneva Convention and Conference on Road Traffic | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R500 000 Three business class and two economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | Swiss Francs183 x 5 persons x 5 days = Swiss Francs 4575 = R 71 710.70 |
| Sweden, Stockholm | 19-20 February | 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | R 479 503.65 Three business class and two economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | Swedish Krona 1309 x 5 persons x 5 days = Swedish Krona 32725 = R 52 094.60 |

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| Minister  | Canada, Montreal | April-May | ICAO Council Phase | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R 900 000.00 Five business class | Rates provided by the Mission \* | C$ 174 x 5 persons x 5 days = C$ 4350 = R 50 032.90 |
| United Kingdom, London  | July  | IMO Council | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R 875 946.00 Four business class and one economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | GBP 104 x 5 persons x5 days = GBP 2600 = R 47 880.90 |
| Canada, Montreal | September | ICAO Assembly | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R 900 000.00 Five business class | Rates provided by the Mission \* | C$ 174 x 5 persons x 5 days = C$ 4350 = R 50 032.90 |
| United Kingdom, London | November | IMO Council | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R 875 946.00 Four business class and one economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | GBP 104 x 5 persons x5 days = GBP 2600 = R 47 880.90 |
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| United Kingdom, London  | July  | IMO Council | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R 729 955.00 Four business class and one economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | GBP 104 x 5 persons x5 days = GBP 2600 = R 47 880.90 |
| Iran, Bandar Abbas | September | World Maritime Day Parallel Event | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R500 000 Four business class and one economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | USD 109 x 5 persons x 5 days = USD 2725 = R 41 607.00 |
| Canada, Montreal | September | ICAO Assembly | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R 900 000.00 Five business class | Rates provided by the Mission \* | C$ 174 x 5 persons x 5 days = C$ 4350 = R 50032.90 |
| United Kingdom, London | November | IMO Council | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R 875 946.00 Four business class and one economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | GBP 104 x 5 persons x5 days = GBP 2600 = R 47880.90 |
| United Kingdom, London | December | IMO Assembly | 5 – Minister, Ministerial officials, IR and line function | Approximately R 875 946.00 Four business class and one economy | Rates provided by the Mission \* | GBP 104 x 5 persons x5 days = GBP 2600 = R 47880.90 |

\*The budget for foreign accommodation for the 2019/2020 financial year isR5million

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

1. Minister may be invited by the President to participate in Binational Commissions (BNCs), State Visits, High-Level meetings, conferences etc.
2. Minister receives, from time to time, invitations from international organisations concerned with the transport sector (maritime, aviation, road and rail).
3. DIRCO will most often advise of confirmed meetings closer to the date, making it difficult to plan well in advance for such meetings.
4. Almost all of the invitations are directed to the Minister, who may delegate some of these engagements to the Deputy Minister. Currently there is no indication of which international meetings the Deputy Minister will attend.
5. Daily Allowance will be amended as per the Financial Manual.
6. Flight prices fluctuate on a daily basis, thus it is difficult to forecast accurately. The amounts provided are an estimation and are subject to change