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**Mr D Bergman** **(DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

1. What number of overseas trips were taken by the CEO, Mr Vika Mpisane, of .zaDNA in (a) 2016 and (b) 2017;

1. (a) What(i) was the purposes of each trip, (ii) active role did the person play, (iii) was the detailed breakdown of the cost of each trip and (b)(i) who and/ or (ii) which departmental budget covered the costs in each case;
2. (a) Who accompanied the person on each trip, (b) why in each case and (c)(i) at what cost and (ii) from which budget were the costs paid in each case?

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**REPLY:**

**I have been informed by .zaDNA as follows:**

1. (a) The .zaDNA CEO undertook six overseas trips in 2016 as follows:
2. ICANN Marrakesh (Morocco) Conference in March 2016;
3. Asia-Pacific Internet Resources Capacity Building Program in Beijing; China in May 2016;
4. dotAfrica mediation (together with ZACR CEO) in Los Angeles (California) in September 2016;
5. ICANN Hyderabad (India) Conference in November 2016;
6. AfriNIC Mauritius Conference in November 2016; and
7. United Nations Internet Governance Forum in Guadalajara (Mexico) in December 2016.
8. (b) and five overseas trips in 2017 as follows:
9. ICANN Copenhagen (Denmark) Conference in March 2017;
10. Deputy Minister’s trip to the Chinese Ministry of ICT in May 2017;
11. BRICS ICT Minister’s Conference in Beijing, China in July 2017;
12. ITU Telecoms World Conference and Exhibition in Busan, Korea in September 2017; and
13. ICANN Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in October 2017.

**Table 1: V Mpisane 2016 international travel**

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| **Question no.** | **1. ICANN Marrakesh** | **2. Asia Pacific Internet Resources Capacity Building Program** | **3. ICANN Helsinki** | **4. dotAfrica mediation** | **5. ICANN Hyderabad** | **6. AfriNIC Mauritius** | **7. UN-IGF 2016 Guadalajara** |
| **(2)(a)(i) Purpose** | Internet Governance conference (domain name system, IP addressing, root zone management) | Best practices, information-sharing & training in various areas of managing & governing Internet resources | Internet Governance (domain name system, IP addressing, root zone management) | Attendance of pre-trial mediation over dotAfrica case between ICANN & DCA. ZACR was an interested party as it manages the dotAfrica registry | Internet Governance (domain name system, IP addressing, root zone management) | Bi-annual Internet resource conference of African Internet service providers, domain name registries & regulators, government | Annual global multistakeholder event focusing on Internet governance, Internet resource management, best practices & associated research |
| **(2)(a)(ii) Role played** | Participant in ccNSO & other ICANN community meetings | Presenter, attendant | Participant in ccNSO & other ICANN community meetings | Accompanying ZACR to dotAfrica mediation in California | Participant in ccNSO & other ICANN community meetings | Participant in AfriNIC policy & other meetings | Participant in IGF meetings + accomanying Minister |
| **(2)(a)(iii) Travel cost** | R43 303.72 | R33 915.23 | R48 596.23 | R61 485.23 | R31 079.23 | R11 098.23 | R56 325.01 |
| **(2)(a)(iii) Accommodation cost** | MAD7 900 (+/- R10 168.00) | Paid by host | R21 013.00 | R14 354.00 | INR52 000 (+/- R9 464.00) | EUR910.00 (+/- R13 264.00) | $655.00 (+/- R7 747.00) |
| **(2)(a)(iii) Per diem cost** | R24 840.75 | R8 237.70 | R13 710.61 | R12 527.57 | R5 724.69 | R2 265.29 | R6 483.31 |
| **(2)(b)(i) & (ii) Budget line** | Travel & accommodation | Travel & accommodation | Travel & accommodation | Travel & accommodation | Travel & accommodation | Travel & accommodation | Travel & accommodation |

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| **(3)(a) Companion** | 2 ZADNA directors + Project Coordinator | None | None | None | None | None | ZADNA Operations Manager |
| **(3)(b) Reason for companion** | Director orientation | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Stakeholder relations |
| **(3)(c)(i) Companion's cost** | R212 710.41 (travel, accomm & per diem x3) | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | R41 808.000 (travel, accomm & per diem) |
| **(3)(c) Companion's budget line** | Travel & accommodation | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Travel & accommodation |

**Table 2: V Mpisane 2017 international travel**

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| **Question no.** | **ICANN Copenhagen** | **Deputy Minister's China ICT trip** | **BRICS ICT Ministers China** | **ITU Telecom World Busan** | **ICANN Abu Dhabi** |
| **(2)(a)(i) Purpose** | Internet Governance conference (domain name system, IP addressing, root zone management) | Reciprocal event between SA and Chinese ICT Ministries. ZADNA presented & participated in Internet economy discussions | Annual BRICS event. ZADNA participated in digital economy & associated discussions | Annual ITU event. ZADNA was part of the SA delegation and attended several discussions and plenaries | Internet Governance conference (domain name system, IP addressing, root zone management) |
| **(2)(a)(ii) Role played** | Participant in ccNSO & other ICANN community meetings | Participant, presenter, part of Deputy Minister’s team | Participant, part of Minister’s team | Participant, accompanying Minister | Participant in ccNSO & other ICANN community meetings |
| **(2)(a)(iii) Travel cost** | R41 967.23 | R39 196.23 | R41 897.00 | R48 430,08 | R37 889.29 |
| **(2)(a)(iii) Accommodation cost** | R14 965.00 | R12 657.00 | CNY7 480.00 (+/- R13 978.00) | R9 165.00 | AED3 500.40 (+/- R11 278.00) |
| **(2)(a)(iii) Per diem cost** | R10 532.84 | R4 937.19 | R10 658.28 | R10 004.16 | R10 818.42 |
| **(2)(b)(i) & (ii) Budget line** | Travel & accommodation | Travel & accommodation | Travel & accommodation | Travel & accommodation | Travel & accommodation |
| **(3)(a) Companion** | None | None | None | None | None |
| **(3)(b) Reason for companion** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| **(3)(c)(i) Companion's cost** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| **(3)(c) Companion's budget line** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |