**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 746**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 30 AUGUST 2019**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 6 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Mr H S Gumbi (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

1. Whether his department hosted any event and/or function related to its 2019 Budget Vote debate; if so, (a) where was each event held, (b) what was the total cost of each event and (c) what is the name of each person who was invited to attend each event as a guest;
2. whether any gifts were distributed to guests attending any of the events; if so, (a) what are the relevant details of the gifts distributed and (b) who sponsored the gifts?

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**REPLY:**

The Department ofof Justice and Constitutional Development (DoJ&CD) has informed me as follows:

1. The DoJ&CD did not host any event/function during its 2019 Budget Vote debate. However, it only arranged a holding area to accommodate guests who arrived before the tabling of the Budget Vote.
2. The holding area was arranged within the Parliament Precinct (Palm Court, Marks Building Restaurant)
3. The total cost of refreshments for the holding area was R4 400.00
4. The guest list with names of invited stakeholders is attached as **Annexure A,** on this regards not all the guest on the list attended.
5. There were no gifts distributed to the guests.
6. The Department of Correctional Services did not host any event in relation to 2019 Budget Vote Debate.