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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation:**

What amount has her department (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on the VIP (i) lounges and (ii) services at the (aa) O R Tambo, (bb) Cape Town and (cc) King Shaka International Airports (aaa) in each of the past five financial years and (bbb) since 1 April 2017? NW891E

**REPLY:**

I wish to preface my reply by providing background information on services provided by the State Protocol Lounges (SPLs) which in essence is part (ii) of the Honourable Member’s question.

1. SPLs are facilities provided by the South African Government to facilitate the efficient arrival and departure during domestic and international transit of the President, Deputy President, the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, as well as Foreign Heads of States. South African Ministers are facilitated during their international travels only. The State Protocol Lounges are located at OR Tambo (ORTIA), Cape Town (CTIA) and King Shaka (KSTIA) International Airports. The ORTIA and CTIA are rented facilities properties from ACSA and the King Shaka is government owned and the Department only pays the lease for land.
2. All three Lounges operate daily from 06h00-22h00. Arrivals and departures that fall outside the normal working hours are facilitated as per need. During major events e.g. Summits, Conferences, State and Official visits, the SPL work in collaboration with other Airport Stakeholders such as ACSA, SAPS, Immigration, Customs, etc. to ensure smooth facilitations.
3. The State Protocol Lounges services are rendered freely to the VIP. The Department, through the Directorate: SPL budgets for catering in all three Lounges. The budget is centralised in and not broken down per State Protocol Lounge. However, the budget for the rental and upkeep of the Lounges is with the Business Unit: Facilities Management, which also budgets for fuel and maintenance of service vehicles.
4. The services rendered by the State Protocol Lounges include; checking-in of VIPs, clearing of passports with Immigration during international travel, transportation to and from the lounge and the aircraft. The VIPs are also served non-alcoholic beverages.
5. In 2016/17, for instance, the facilitations conducted through all three State Protocol Lounges were **27 333.** Figures for 2017/18 are indicated below:
* In the 1st Quarter of 2017/18 faciltations conducted were **7 139.**
* In the 2nd quarter of 2017/18 faciltations conducted were **7 148.**
* In the 3rd quarter of 2017/18 facilitations conducted were **7 753.**

The information requested by the Honourable Member is provided below:

**(a) State Protocol Lounge Budget for:**

1. VIP Lounges (rental, utilities and cleaning services)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Lounge | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/2017 |
| (aa) ORTIA | 1 640 957 | 2 360 112 | 2 607 624 | 2 881 440 | 3 179 400 |
| (bb) CTIA | 1 647 939 | 1 818 660 | 1 976 608 | 2 148 708 | 2 335 560 |
| (cc) KSIA | 2 218 005 | 2 417 340 | 2 580 396 | 2 755 560 | 2 943 852 |

1. Services

The VIPs are chauffeured to and from the aircrafts on the airside. They are also provided with non-alcoholic beverages whilst waiting in the State Protocol Lounges. To this end, the total **budget** of all the services rendered at:

(aa) OR Tambo International Airport

(bb) Cape Town International Airport

(cc) King Shaka International Airport

Over the past five years is as follows:

(aaa)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Period  | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
| Groceries | 100 008 | 138 356 | 192 602  | 194 575 | 294 936 |
| Fuel | Total budget for fuel is centralised in the Transport Section.  |

1. **Expenditure on the VIP**
2. Lounges (rental, utilities and cleaning services)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Period | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
| Catering | 172 363  | 138 356 | 192 602  | 194 575 | 294 936 |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Period | 20140301 – 20180226 |
| Fuel | 705 324.38 |

 (bbb) **Budget and Expenditure from 01 April 2017 to 28 February 2018**

VIP Lounges

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Lounge | Budget | Expenditure |
| ORTIA | 3 519 312 | 3 519 312 |
| CTIA | 2 538 648 | 2 538 648 |
| KSIA | 3 146 330 | 3 146 330 |

Services

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Item | Budget  | Expenditure  |
| Catering | 206 177 | 107 711 |