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5119. Mr P G Atkinson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What is the full breakdown of the details of (a)(i) her and (ii) her entourage's (aa) travel and (bb) accommodation costs for their trip to the St Petersburg International Economic Forum held in June 2025 in Russia (b) all material outcomes derived for the Republic at the specified forum held in June 2025 in Russia?

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- a) The total costs borne by the Department in relation to the trip to the St Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF'25) held in June 2025 in Russia for the Minister and staff are indicated in the table below. The conference covered accommodation and ground transport for delegates, and the DWS only paid for flights.

TRAVELLER	FLIGHT	ACCOMODATION & TRANSPORT
Minister	R370,605.00	R0.00
Chief of Staff: Office of the Minister	R128,900.17	R0.00
Private Secretary: Office of the Minister	R82,240.34	R0.00
Director: Africa Multilateral Relations	R38,905.17	R0.00
Total	R620,650.68	R0.00

- b) The Minister travelled as part a delegation of Ministers and Deputy Ministers who are part of the Cabinet Cluster on Economic Sectors, Investment, Employment and Infrastructure Development which was led by the Deputy President Mashatile. The visit to Russia focused on enhancing economic cooperation between South Africa and Russia in sectors such as agriculture, automotive, energy and mining industries as well as science and technology cooperation. The visit aimed to leverage on promoting South Africa's trade relations and South Africa as an investment destination. The Minister, along with the Deputy President, participated in the 28th SPIEF '25.

Finally, South Africa and Russia also deliberated on cooperation in the maritime field and agreed to work with participants from the logistics industry and port authorities of both countries towards the mutually beneficial use of port infrastructure.

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DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: 12 09 2025

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MISS PEMMY C.P. MAJODINA, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
DATE: 16/09/2025