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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1566 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mrs P C Duncan (DA) is attached for your consideration, please.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)
DATE: 14/12/09

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

Does the Minister want to answer from 2006 or just for his term? If yes then I approve.

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MS B P SONJICA, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
DATE:

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1566

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1566. Mrs P C Duncan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether her department organised or hosted (a) an imbizo, (b) a seminar, (c) conference and (d) any other function during the period 1 January 2006 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (i) on what date, (ii) what was the total amount spent on each, (iii) what is the breakdown of the cost in each case and (iv) how many guests attended in each case;
- (2) whether there were any related costs for the travel and accommodation of guests for each of the events; if so, in each case, (a) what were the costs and (b) what was the breakdown of these costs;
- (3) whether any member of the Cabinet was present at any of these events; if so, (a) who, (b) in what capacity and (c) why?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) Yes, My Department hosted three Imbizo during the period in question. Two of these were done in Kwa-Zulu Natal, while one was held in the Eastern Cape.
- (1)(b) No, My Department has not organized a seminar during the period in question.
- (1)(c)(i) Yes, My Department has had a number of conferences during the period in question. The years in which these conferences fall are indicated in the brackets. These include Symposia associated with the National Water Week (2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009), National Sanitation Week (2006,2007 and 2008), WeedBuster Week (2006,2007,2008 and 2009), Water for Growth and Development Summit (2007), HELP Southern Symposium (2007), Municipal Indabas (2008), Waste Discharge Management and Water for Growth and Development (2008), launch of a Women's Organisation (2008), eight Provincial Water Sector Izindaba (2009), and 2nd Africa Water Week (2009), Stakeholder launch for Water for Growth and Development (2009).
- (1)(c)(ii) The amount spent on each is specified in the breakdown of the costs below as required in question (1)(c)(iii). Note that this breakdown is provided only in cases where this information is readily available.

- (1)©(iii) The cost breakdown for specific event/conferences/seminar/Imbizo is presented in table 1 below for cases where this data is readily available.

Table 1

COST ITEM	ASSOCIATED COST
IZIMBIZO	
2006 KZN Imbizo	R506,200.00
2008 KZN Imbizo (2 nd one)	R478,548.00
2008 Eastern Cape Imbizo	R374,000.00
CONFERENCES/SEMINARS	
2008 Municipal Indaba	R2,000,000.00
2009 Water for Growth & Development Stakeholder Launch	R800,000.00
2009 Regional Water Summit	R1,600,000.00
Africa Water Week	R6,000,000.00
Water Indaba 2009	R600,000.00
2008 Youth Summit	R814,571.20
Waste Discharge Management	R 1,659,694.36
OTHER FUNCTIONS	
Budget Vote 2006	R50,000.00
Budget Vote 2007	R289,204.00
Budget Vote 2008	R232,344.00
Budget Vote 2009	R366,38.40
National Water Week 2006	R 4,000,000.00
National Water Week 2007	R 6,500,000.00
National Water Week 2008	R16,000,000.00
National Water Week 2009	R7,000,000.00
National Arbor Week 2006	R690,000.00
National Arbor Week 2007	R730,000.00
National Arbor Week 2008	R900,000.00
National Arbor Week 2009	R1,798,889.44
WeedBuster Week 2006	R500,000.00
WeedBuster Week 2007	R690,551.00
WeedBuster Week 2008	R710,000.00
WeedBuster Week 2009	R800,146.22
National Sanitation Week 2006	R1,500,000.00
National Sanitation Week 2007	R1,800,000.00
National Sanitation Week 2008	R2,300,000.00
2 nd Africa Week	R7,000,000.00

- (2) The costs shown in Table 1 include all the costs My Department incurred.
- (3)(a) Yes, Members of Cabinet are invited and often attend, Imbizo, Conferences, Seminars and any other functions.
- The Minister of Mineral and Energy, Ms B Sonjica attended the Imbizo.
 - Deputy President Ms P Mlambo-Ngcuka attended the Municipal Water Indaba of 2008.
 - Minister in the Presidency, Mr. T Manuel attended the 2nd Africa Water Week of 2009.

- (3)(b) Minister B Sonjica attended in her capacity as Minister of Minerals and Energy. Deputy President P Mlambo-Ngcuka attended in her capacity as Deputy President of the Republic and Minister T Manual attended in his capacity as Minister in the Presidency.
- (3)(c) Minister B Sonjica attended the Joint Water and Electricity Imbizo because the electricity function fell within the Department of Minerals of Energy, of which she was the Minister.

Deputy President Ms P Mlambo-Ngcuka was the keynote speaker at the Municipal Water Indaba in 2008.

Minister T Manual attended on behalf of the President and also delivered a keynote address.

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