



## water affairs

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**MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 592 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr I M Ollis (DA) is attached for your consideration.

**ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 27/07/2011

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP  
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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QUESTION NO 592

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**592. Mr I M Ollis (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) (a) Which travel agencies or travel service providers does her department use currently and (b)(i) how and (ii) when were they appointed in each case;
- (2) what was the (a) budgeted amount and (b) actual amount paid to each specified service provider for departmental travel expenditure in the (i) 2007-08, (ii) 2008-09 and (iii) 2009-10 financial years?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) The agencies currently used are reflected in **Annexure A**.
- (2) The budgeted and actual amounts paid to travel agencies in Head Office are in accordance to the timeframe as advertised in the tender document and the details are tabulated below. For the Regional Offices refer to **Annexure B**.

Year	(2)(a) Budgeted amount	(2)(b) Actual amount
2007-2009 (Travel with Flair)	R 198 000 000.00	R 172 147 006.00
2009-2010 (Duma Travel, BCD Travel and Sure Fly well Travel)	R 120 000 000.00	R 101 643 709.07

**Below are Reasons for Travelling:**

- Attendance of governance meetings in Pretoria i.e. Executive Committee (EXCO); Management Committee (MANCO); Top Management Meetings; Departmental Bid Adjudication Committee (DBAC); Operational Committee Meetings (OPSCOM) and Functional Management Committee (FMC).
- Travelling between provinces to action overlapping water resources management functions;
- Travelling within the province to work with the province and support Local Government ;
- Attendance of conferences and training;
- Support to Minister and Deputy Minister in provincial and Local Government engagements;
- Travelling to Cape Town and Provinces for Parliaments oversight functions;
- Interactions with partners and stakeholders; and
- Overseas travelling for global / international relations, partnership and support.

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ANNEXURE A

(1)(a) Travel Agencies used by the Department.

Regional office/Chief Directorate	Name of travel agent	How was the travel agent appointed	When was the travel agent appointed
Head Office	Travel with Flair	Tender process	1 January 2011
Eastern Cape	Rennies	Tender process	2006 to 2011
Free State	Connex	Tender process	2006 to 2010
Gauteng	Travel with Flair	National Office tender	2006 to 2008
	BCD Travel (Connex)	Tender process	2009 to 2012
KwaZulu-Natal	Rennies	Tender process	2010 to 2011
Limpopo	Various agencies	Price quotation basis	2007 to 2011
Mpumalanga	Low veld sure	Tender process	2007 to 2008
	RR	Tender process	2008 to 2009
	Rennies	Tender process	2010 to 2010
	Harvey travel world	Price quotation	2006 to 2011
	TE Dana	Price quotation	2006 to 2011
	Travel today	Price quotation	2006 to 2011
Northern Cape	Astra	Tender process on rotational basis	2007 to 2009
	Connex	Tender process on rotational basis	2009 to 2011
North West	Travel with Flair	National Office tender	2006 to 2011
Western Cape	Seekers	Tender process	2008 to 2011
Working for Water	Connex travel	Tender process	2007 to 2008
	Seekers	Tender process	2008 to 2010

ANNEXURE B

(2) Details of travel agencies expenditure budgeted.

Regional Office and Chief Directorate	Travel Agencies	Budgeted amount				Amount paid to travel agencies				
		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Eastern Cape	Rennies	R4 000 000.00	R10 000 000.00	R10 000 000.00	R16 676 120.01	R10 950 595	R1 235 196.94			
	Connex travel	R666 666.67	R666 666.67	R666 666.67	R956 074.38	R2 696 227.44	R2 978 664.20			
	Travel with Flair	R18 000 000.00	R17 000 000.00	N/A	R17 910 712.51	R16 820 741.94	N/A			
	BCD travel (Connex travel)	N/A	R4 000 000.00	R12 000 000.00	N/A	R3 721 067.00	R11 982 625.00			
KwaZulu-Natal	Rennies	R1 994 000.00	R1 497 000.00	R1 829 000.00	R1 633 003.50	R2 391 157.66	R2 753 011.50			
Limpopo	Various agencies	R24 632 132.00	R4 486 000.00	R7 591 000.00	R2 882 781.99	R2 932 569.32	R2 720 595.60			
Mpumalanga	Low veld sure RR	R465 000.00	N/A	N/A	R1 724 414.57	N/A	N/A			
	Astra travel	N/A	R1 347 000.00	R2 118 000.00	N/A	R1 832 106.00	R3 029 253.00			
Northern Cape	Connex travel	R155 000.00	R310 000.00	R370 000.00	R149 835.00	R284 025.00	R75 431.00			
	Travel with Flair	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	R288 876.00			
North West	Travel with Flair	R1 900 000 00	R3 500 000 00	R1 800 000 00	R1 693 284.11	R3 880 475.02	R1 754 586.61			
Western Cape	Seekers	R500 000.00	R550 000.00	R600 000.00	R411 749.67	R519 095.33	R476 148.44			
Working for water	Connex	R5000.00	N/A	N/A	R4 369.00	N/A	N/A			
	Seekers	N/A	R6 289.00	R5 705.00	N/A	R5 838.00	R2 813.00			