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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1028 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr P J C Pretorius (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED 


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

DATE: 2011/08/22

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1028

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1028. Mr P J C Pretorius (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether any international trips were undertaken by (a) her since assuming office and (b) her deputy minister since 1 April 2010; if so, in each case, (i) which countries did they visit, (ii) on which dates and (iii) what was the (aa) intended outcome and (bb) total cost of (aaa) travel, (bbb) subsistence allowances and (ccc) accommodation;
- (2) whether the outcome was achieved in respect of each trip undertaken by (a) her and (b) her deputy minister; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (3) whether (a) she and (b) her deputy minister submitted a report of their international trips; if not, why not; if so, (i) when and (ii) to whom was the report on each specified trip submitted;
- (4) whether each report that has been submitted by (a) her and (b) her Deputy Minister will be made available or tabled in the National Assembly; if not, why not; if so, when?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) Yes, there were international trips undertaken by the Minister since assuming office in November 2010. Refer to attached **Annexure**.
- (1)(b) Yes, there were international trips undertaken by the Deputy Minister from 1 April 2010 - 31 March 2011. Refer to **Annexure**.
- (1) (b) (iii) (aa) (bb) (aaa) (bbb) (ccc) The intended outcome and all related financial expenditure including accommodation costs are in such cases, dealt with in accordance with "guidelines for official travel abroad" as well as chapter 3 and 6 of the Ministerial Handbook.

- (2)(a), (b) The outcome in respect of each trip was achieved in line with the relevant provisions of the Ministerial Handbook.
- (3) No, because reports to Cabinet and National Assembly through annual reports and/ or/ when Minister and Deputy Minister do so by tabling such report and discussions in the Portfolio Committee meetings are submitted on request and no such request was made. However according to the Department's policy, a report is prepared after each international trip and the report would stipulate what has been achieved from the visit and indicate follow up actions which are a responsibility of the officials to implement.
- (4) See response in 3 above.

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ANNEXURE

INTERNATIONAL TRIPS FOR MINISTER & DEPUTY MINISTER (DWA)

01 APRIL 2010 - 31 MAY 2011

| MINISTER | | DEPUTY MINISTER | |
|---|---|---|-----------------|
| DATE | COUNTRY VISITED | DATE | COUNTRY VISITED |
| NOVEMBER 14-19 November 2010 | Ethiopia | SEPTEMBER 03-08 September 2010 | Stockholm |
| DECEMBER 03-13 December 2010 | Cancun-Mexico | OCTOBER 03-07 October 2010 | Hanoi-Vietnam |
| JANUARY 24-31 January 2011 | Switzerland | OCTOBER 17-21 October 2010 | Egypt |
| FEBRUARY 20-22 February 2011 | Kenya | NOVEMBER 10-12 November 2010 | Vietnam |
| MARCH 25-03 March 2011 | India | FEBRUARY 13-18 February 2011 | Japan |
| MARCH 27-29 March 2011 | Ethiopia(DM attended on behalf of MINISTER) | | |
| APRIL 25-28 April 2011 | Belgium | | |
| MAY 09-14 May 2011 | United States of America | | |