



## water & sanitation

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### MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 611 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mrs Z N Balindlela (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 17/10/2014

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE  
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 09.11.14



**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 611**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 18 JULY 2014**  
**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 5)**

**611. Mrs Z N Balindlela (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) How many (a) international and (b) domestic hotel bookings were made by (i) her, (ii) her predecessors and (iii) departmental officials attending (aa) workshops, (bb) seminars, (cc) oversight visits or (dd) any other relevant meetings of the relevant portfolio committee from 1 April 2013 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) in respect of each specified booking, what was the (a) date, (b) name of the hotel, (c) number of delegates, (d) cost of the hotel booking for each delegate and (e) the nature of the relevant portfolio business dealt with? NW694E

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**REPLY:**

Members of the Executive, by the very nature of their ministerial work are required to travel. Ministers and Deputy Ministers may choose to occupy a state-owned residence in the area, in which their seat of office resides. However, ministerial work is not limited to seats of office and their duties require them to visit provinces around the country and travel abroad in order to fulfill their duties, which include among others, interaction with communities and stakeholders in the course of delivering on their mandates. In these instances, Ministers and Deputy Ministers are accommodated in hotels or guest houses, when fulfilling official duty away from their ordinary place of residence, befitting their office requirements and as outlined in the relevant policies.

The 2013/14 financial year is currently being audited and will be available in the Annual Report. Information regarding the 2014/15 financial year will also be audited and made available to the public at the relevant time.

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