

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
QUESTION NUMBER: 376 [NW554E]**

376. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What amount has he found would the Government save if (a) Ministers, (b) Deputy Ministers, (c) Members of the Executive Council and (d) senior managers in (i) national and (ii) provincial government flew economy class when executing their official duties?

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REPLY:

The information provided on this response is based on data provided by SAA and BA (two of the airlines that provides Business Class Cabins in the country).

The following assumptions apply:

1. The values are total Rand value and total number of single trips (legs) for calendar year 2019.
2. The values include all government institutions that uses the government deal codes as per the National Treasury's centrally negotiated discount rates (including Parliament).
3. The data provided was not provided per individual (compliance to POPI Act), hence only total amounts are used.
4. The values exclude other domestic and international airlines. The data is not readily available.
5. SAA Economy class Average Price per Ticket was calculated based on the average price of full Y-class tickets on all the routes. (R6181.00)
6. The values are exclusive of airport taxes and inclusive of VAT

Observations

If all Business Class tickets for 2019 were to be converted to Full Y Economy class tickets, on the two mentioned airlines only, Government could have saved **R12 672 956**.

COST ANALYSIS FOR FLYING BUSINESS CLASS COMPARED TO ECONOMY CLASS

	British Airways			South African Airways		
	Total cost (2019)	Total # Legs	Average price per ticket per leg	Total cost (2019)	Total # Legs	Average price per ticket per leg
Business Class	R23 676 021	8967	R2 640	R83 320 961	12873	R6 473
Economy Class (Full Y)	R53 511 915	32509	R1 646	*	*	R6 181
Difference between Business Class and Economy class ticket	R994			R292		
Estimated saving per Airline	R8 915 759			R3 757 196		
Total Estimated Saving	R12 672 956					
	Notes: * Not provided					

Conclusion

The pronouncement made by Minister of Finance to cut Business Class travel will yield the desired outcome.