

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER 662 [CW825E]**

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**Mr D A Worth (DA-FS) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

- (1) (a) How many guests were invited to a function of a certain corporation (details furnished) at the Sandton Convention Centre on (i) 24 and (ii) 25 November 2011 and (b) what was the total (i) amount budgeted for and (ii) cost for the celebrations with regard to (aa) the venue hire, (bb) catering, (cc) staffing, (dd) security, (ee) entertainment, (ff) travel and (gg) accommodation;
- (2) whether accommodation has been extended to any guests; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, in each case, (a) to how many guests, (b) how many rooms, (c) at which venues, (d) at what cost and (e) for how many nights;
- (3) whether the said corporation will be paying for the travel costs of international guests; if not, why not in each case; if so, (a) for how many (i) guests, (ii) economy, (iii) business and (iv) first class tickets and (b) what are the total costs in each case?

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**REPLY:**

- (a) There was no function on 24 November 2011. An exhibition and gala dinner were held on 25 November 2011. Approximately 700 guests were invited to the exhibition and 450 guests were invited to the gala dinner for the PIC Centenary Celebrations. The exhibition was set up as a fund raising event whose net proceeds will be donated to the 100 most deserving pensioners.

(b) (i) The budgeted amount for the exhibition and gala dinner was R 2,483,433.00 (excluding VAT).

(ii) The cost for the exhibition and gala dinner was R1,872,643.87 (excluding VAT), broken up as follows:

- Venue hire – R 476,219.86
- Branding & Design – R224,748.25
- Décor – R267,340.00
- Entertainment – R121,770.16
- Staffing – R25,100.00
- Exhibition – R217,885.25
- Technical – R198,000.00
- Event Management – R 341,580.35

(2) Accommodation was extended to participating non-executive directors of the PIC who do not reside in Gauteng. Accommodation was booked at the Radisson Blue Gautrain Hotel for the evening of 25 November 2011 at a cost of R1 700 per room for two rooms. Accommodation was also provided for a guest from the African Development Bank at a total cost of R3 000.

(3) The PIC paid the travelling cost for one international guest from African Development Bank on business class at a total cost of R22,000.00 on SAA. The travelling costs of two PIC non-executive directors were also paid by the PIC which costs were R5 730.24 and R7 703.20 respectively.