

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES  
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY  
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***Supply of newspapers to flights***

**★260. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Why is it a priority to spend money on a non-core function such as the supply of newspapers to domestic flights and lounges at South African Airways?

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**REPLY:**

As the Executive Authority for SAA, the Minister of Finance is responsible for overseeing SAA and is not involved operationally. Consequently, this question, along with other similar questions dealing with operational matters at the airline, is referred to SAA's CEO to respond. The response from SAA is as follows:

The product value proposition and promise to SAA's customers traveling on domestic (and International) sectors in business class consists of a number of services and products of which the offer of daily newspapers onboard in the business cabin and in SAA's premium domestic lounges, is an integral part of this offering. The offer of newspapers is also in line with what competitor products offer.