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142. Mr P G Moteka (EFF) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether (a) he or (b) the Deputy Minister made use of a chartered private jet during the period 1 January 2013 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, what (i) were the reasons for using a chartered private jet, (ii) was the travel route in each case and (iii) did the use of the jet cost the National Treasury in each case?

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REPLY:

- (a) Yes
- (i) The World Economic Forum (WEF) on Africa meeting was held in Abuja, Nigeria from 7 9 May 2014. The first day of the WEF on Africa meetings fell on the same day as the South Africa's National Elections, 7 May 2014. Ministers were required to be present at their voting stations on the 7th May and there were no commercial airlines that could accommodate the time scheduling of the delegations especially considering that the WEF meetings had already started. Therefore it was proposed that the delegations from the three departments attending the WEF, namely National Treasury; Department of Trade and Industry; and Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs; equally divide the total cost of R807 326.00 for a charter, between the departments.
- (ii) Lanseria to Abuja and return to Lanseria.
- (iii) Yes, R269 108.66, of the total cost of R807 326.00 was equally divided between the three departments.
- (b) No
- (i)(ii)(iii) Not applicable