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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 2131 [NW2539E]**

**2131. Dr M J Cardo (DA) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

Since his appointment as Minister of Employment and Labour in 2019, (a) what total number of international trips has (i) he and (ii) the staff members employed in his office undertaken in an official capacity, (b) for what purpose was each trip and (c) what was the cost to the taxpayer regarding each specified trip? NW2539E

REPLY:

South Africa’s foreign policy promotes human rights and a broad developmental agenda both in the continent and the world. As the political head of the Department of Employment and Labour, the Minister leads the country’s domestic priorities in the global labour agenda (i.e. promoting rights at work, encouraging decent employment opportunities, enhancing social protection and strengthening dialogue) linking these to own priorities such as sustainable economic growth, employment, social justice and ultimately equality for all.

In line with the objectives set above and since his appointment in 2019, the Minister and support staff from his office have undertaken **7** international visit to the following destinations:

**Botswana:** ARLAC Ministerial meeting (February 2022);

**Cost:**

Accommodation& Flights: R 26890.26

Daily allowances: R6000

**Brazil:** Attending BRICS Ministerial meeting (September 2019);

**Cost:**

Accommodation & Flights: R 403923.79

Daily allowances: R6 633, 64

**Cuba:** Consolidation of Bilateral relations as per the signed MoU (November 2019);

**Cost:**

Accommodation & Flights: R 205651.86

Daily allowances: R14 759, 73

**France:** Attending the Global Deal Conference of which South Africa is a member (February 2020);

**Cost:**

Accommodation & Flights: R 277429.79

Daily allowances: R9694, 60

**Geneva**: Attending the International Labour Conference (June 2019) and Governing Body (November 2019)

**Cost:**

Accommodation & Flights: R 252779.79

Daily allowances: R 31000

**Ivory Coast:** ILO Africa Regional Meeting and part of Presidential visit and signed an MoU (December 2021)

**Cost:**

Accommodation & Flights: R 374608.85

Daily allowances: R10536,47

**Ivory Coast:** ILO Africa Regional Meeting (December 2019) and part of Presidential visit and signed and MoU.

**Cost:**

Accommodation & Flights: R 152105.79

Daily allowances: R10089, 73