NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION: 693

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Dr K W du P le Roux (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

Whether, with reference to recent petition from staff at Zithulele Hospital to the District Management team of the OR Tambo District Municipality that, amongst other things, alleged that a senior official of the hospital (name furnished) had been staying off site at the Mayfair Hotel in Mthatha since August 2022 at a cost of more than R60 000 a month, he will indicate if the specified senior official indeed stayed at the Mayfair Hotel at the expense of his department and/or the provincial health department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) for how long did the official stay at the hotel, (b) what was the (i) monthly and (ii) total cost of her stay annually, (c) who authorised the expenditure and (d) from what budget was the expenditure paid?

REPLY:

a) Yes, the hospital CEO, Mrs Fatyela, stayed in 3 hotels during the period in question, from August 2022 to July 2024, at Savoy, Bluetiq, and Mayfair Hotels, as outlined in the table below:

PERIOD STAYED HOTEL	AMOUNT	Length of stay
01-31 Aug 22	25 963	31 x days
19 Oct - 13 Nov 22	30 762	26 x days
20 Jul - 31 Aug 23	75 513	41 x days
15 Sept - 01 Oct 23	23 829	16 x days
01 Oct - 31 Oct 23	55 608	31 x days
10 Nov - 01 Dec 23	37 749	21 x days
01 Dec 23- 01 Jan 24	55 752	31 x days
1 Jan 24- 01 Feb 24	55 752	31 x days
01 Feb 24- 18 Feb 24	27 909	18 x days
18 Feb 24 - 01 Mar 24	20 564	18 x Days
01 Mar 24 - 11 Mar 24	15 483	11 x days
2 Apr 24 - 15 April 24	21 603	13 x days
15 Apr 24 - 15 May 24	50 490	30 x days

TOTAL	574 026,55	366 days
29 Jun 24 - 01 Jul	3 254	3 x days
15 Jun 24 - 29 Jun 24	21 614	15 x days
15 May 24 - 15 Jun 24	52 173	30 x days

- b) (i) The monthly costs were, on average, R36 000.00
 - (ii) total cost in a total for a period stayed in a hotel was R574 026,55,
- (c) The District Manager authorised the expenditure (delegated by DDG: Clinical Services)
- (d) The OR Tambo District office Budget paid the expenditure.

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