

**860. Dr V Knoetze to ask the Premier:**

*With reference to all official international travel undertaken by the Honourable Premier, (name furnished for the purpose of the reply), since the start of his tenure in May 2019:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>(a) Whether he can kindly provide a full list of all overseas trips, specifying (a) the dates of departure and return, (b) the destination country and city, (c) the official purpose and objectives of the trip, (d) the names and designations of all accompanying delegates and (e) the total cost;</p>	<p><b>(a) List Overseas Trips</b></p> <p>30 March – 03 April 2023, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates</p> <p>09 – 15 September 2023, Djerba, Tunisia</p> <p>16 – 20 September 2023, Cairo, Egypt</p> <p>04 – 10 November 2023, Hannover and Stuttgart, Germany</p> <p>24 – 31 August 2024, Hangzhou and Harbin, China</p> <p>23 – 25 November 2025, Doha, Qatar</p> <p>07 – 12 December 2024, Tokyo, Japan</p> <p><b>c) Official Purposes and Objectives of Overseas Trips</b></p> <p><b>UAE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To lobby for investment from the UAE market</li><li>• Investigate opportunities for advancing mutual cooperation in the areas of education, investment, trade, tourism and benchmarking innovation technologies for Eastern Seaboard development.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twinning of the Eastern Cape with Abu Dhabi Emirates</li> </ul> <p><b>Tunisia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of the trip to Tunisia was to have engagements with the Governors of Gabes and Medenine on partnerships that are aimed at leveraging the benefits of intra-African trade</li> <li>• To attract investments from the African continent</li> <li>• Promote EC exports to the African continent</li> <li>• Conclude MOUs to promote mutual relations with these regions in the areas of agriculture, cultural and educational exchanges, investment, tourism and trade</li> </ul> <p><b>Egypt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of the visit to Egypt was to attract investments,</li> <li>• Investigate possibilities to establish mutual relations with the Cairo and Suez regions</li> <li>• Position the Eastern Cape as an investment, trade and tourism destination in the North African and Arabic markets.</li> <li>• To position the Eastern Cape to benefit from intra-African trade that is brought about by the launch of the Africa</li> </ul>
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	<p>Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA).</p> <p><b>Germany</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of the visit to Germany was to take stock of implementation of existing MOUs with the State of Lower Saxony</li> <li>• Consider proposals for new areas of cooperation</li> <li>• Interact with German investors in Stuttgart in the State of Baden-Württemberg and the German capital in Berlin</li> </ul> <p><b>China</b></p> <p><b>Strengthening Bilateral Relations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building and enhancing valuable strategic trade and investment relationships between the Eastern Cape and the Zhejiang and Heilongjiang Provinces of China</li> <li>• Exploring Investment Opportunities: Identifying and pursuing investment opportunities in key sectors that are mutually beneficial</li> <li>• Promoting Exports: Gaining market insights, showcasing the Eastern Cape’s export potential and facilitating market access for local businesses</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fostering Business-to-Business Engagements: Encouraging direct interactions between businesses from both countries to explore collaboration and partnership opportunities</li> </ul> <p><b>Qatar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To participate in a follow up working visit to the State of Qatar for high level discussions with the Emir of Qatar</li> <li>• To lobby for investments and explore opportunities for collaboration on sustainable energy projects, which include the Hive Green Ammonia and Green Hydrogen Project.</li> </ul> <p><b>Japan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To participate in a working visit led by the Minister of Electricity and Energy, Mr Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa to Japan</li> <li>• Conduct a series of strategic engagements, focusing on advancing</li> </ul>
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	<p>South Africa's green hydrogen production capacity,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore opportunities for collaboration on sustainable energy projects</li> <li>• Exploring Japan as a critical off-take market</li> <li>• Explore export opportunities for green hydrogen</li> </ul> <p><b>d) Names and designations of all accompanying delegates</b></p> <p><b>United Arab Emirates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Lubabalo Oscar Mabuyane - Premier: Eastern Cape Province</li> <li>• Mr Zuko Godlimpi – Special Advisor to the Premier</li> <li>• Mr Baphelele Mhlaba – Head of Infrastructure Investment</li> <li>• Mr Malusi Mahlulo – Director: International Relations</li> <li>• Ms Ntsoaki Thulo – Deputy Director: Media Production</li> </ul> <p><b>Tunisia and Egypt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Lubabalo Oscar Mabuyane - Premier : Eastern Cape Province</li> <li>• Ms N Peters, MEC for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform</li> <li>• Mr S Janda, Mayor of Mbhashe Municipality</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr V Dayimani, Acting HOD for the Department of for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform</li> <li>• Mr P George, Senior Manager, Investment Promotion, Eastern Cape Development Corporation (ECDC)</li> <li>• Mr C Mbande, Coega Development Corporation (CDC)</li> <li>• Mr S Somdyala, Deputy Chairman, ECDC Board</li> <li>• Mr L Mhlope, FABCOS (Business delegate)</li> <li>• Mr L Mzimase, FEDCOC (Business delegate)</li> <li>• Ms C Zituta NAFSOC (Business delegate)</li> <li>• Ms L Maurice, Border Kei Chamber of Business (Business delegate)</li> <li>• Mr A Hala, Chis Hani Development Agency</li> <li>• Mr A Fekisi, ECSECC</li> <li>• Mr Z Godlimpi, Special Adviser to the Premier</li> <li>• Ms T Buthelezi, Acting CD (PCAS)</li> <li>• Mr M Mahlulo, Director IR</li> <li>• Ms A Ncamiso, Protocol Officer</li> <li>• Mr M Nduna, Official Photographer</li> </ul> <p><b>China</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Lubabalo Oscar Mabuyane - Premier: Eastern Cape Province</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Nonkqubela Ntomboxolo Pieters -, MEC: Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism</li><li>• Cllr Mr Deon Wesly Sam De Vos -, Executive Mayor: Sara Baartman District Municipality</li><li>• Cllr Gary van Niekerk - Executive Mayor: Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality</li><li>• Cllr Princess Faku - Executive Mayor: Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality</li><li>• Ms Nolwandle Mickey Mama - Head of Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism</li><li>• Mr Mxolisi Maxson Yawa - City Manager Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality</li><li>• Mr Ayanda Phikolomzi Wakaba - Chief Executive Officer: Eastern Cape Development Corporation</li><li>• Mr Vuyani Thompson Dayimani - Chief Executive Officer: Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency</li><li>• Mr Attwell Tembela Zweni - Chief Executive Officer: East London Industrial Development Zone</li><li>• Mr Themba Albert Koza - Acting Chief Executive Officer: Coega Development Corporation</li><li>• Ms Ayanda Ramncwana - Acting Chief Operational Officer: East London Industrial Development Zone</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adv Zintle Hlobo - Chief Director: Integrated Youth Development, Office of the Premier</li> <li>• Dr Siyabulela Onceya - Chief of Staff to the Premier</li> <li>• Ms Janice Verona Jonathan - Senior Manager: Investment Promotion, Eastern Cape Development Corporation</li> <li>• Ms Matemane Enea Mxekezo - Deputy Director: International Relations, Office of the Premier</li> <li>• Mr Mandla Nduna - Photographer, Office of the Premier</li> <li>• Mr Baphelele Nqaba Mhlaba - Head of Strategic Investments &amp; Infrastructure, Eastern Cape Development Corporation</li> <li>• Ms Neermala Gounden - Manager: International and Intergovernmental Relations, Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality</li> <li>• Dr Albert Yu - Senior Manager: Trade and Investment, Sara Baartman District Municipality</li> <li>• Ms Angelique Yolisa Koyo - Project Manager: Investment Facilitation and</li> </ul>
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	<p>Special Projects, Eastern Cape Development Corporation</p> <p><b>Qatar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Lubabalo Oscar Mabuyane – Premier of the Eastern Cape</li> <li>• Mr Alistair McMaster – Senior Manager, Sustainable Energy</li> <li>• Mr Duane Mouton – Senior Manager: Oil and Gas</li> </ul> <p><b>Japan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Lubabalo Oscar Mabuyane – Premier of the Eastern Cape</li> <li>• Dr Siyabulela Onceya – Chief of Staff for the Premier</li> </ul>
<p>(e) Whether he can kindly provide a detailed breakdown of expenditure for each trip, including (a) international and domestic air travel costs (indicating the class of travel), (b) accommodation, (c) ground transport, (d) daily allowances, (e) subsistence and meal expenses, (f) event or conference registration fees, and (g) any other related costs;</p>	<p><b>United Arab Emirates (30 March – 03 April 2023)</b></p> <p>(a) Flights (Business Class) = R 75185.45</p> <p>(b) Allowances = R 62550.00</p> <p><b>Total = R 137 735.45</b></p> <p><b>Tunisia &amp; Egypt</b></p> <p><b>OTP</b></p> <p>(a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) – R 709 394.54</p> <p>(b) Ground Transport – R367 010.00</p> <p>(c) Accommodation – R665 598.00</p> <p>(d) Allowances – R37 182.00</p> <p><b>Total = R 1 779 184.54</b></p>

	<p><b>DRDAR</b></p> <p>(a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) – R 222 778.62</p> <p>(b) Ground Transport – R 162 192.00</p> <p>(c) Accommodation – R 165 132.00</p> <p>(d) Allowances – R31 152,38</p> <p>(e) Incidental costs – R 1680.00</p> <p><b>Total = R582 935.00</b></p> <p><b>Mbashe Municipality – Egypt</b></p> <p>(a) Flight (Economy Class) – R 67 000.00</p> <p>(b) Ground Transport – R1 648.75</p> <p>(c) Accommodation – R 43 491.13</p> <p>(d) Visa Fees – R 2 317.25</p> <p><b>Total = 114 511.13</b></p> <p><b>ECDC</b></p> <p>(a) Flights (Economy Class) – R 438 200.00</p> <p>(b) Ground Transport – R 118800</p> <p>(c) Accommodation – R 419700</p> <p>(d) Travel Insurance – R 105 00</p> <p>(e) S &amp; T – R 102 847</p> <p><b>Total = R 1 090 047</b></p> <p><b>Coega SEZ</b></p> <p>a) Flights (Economy Class)– R 22 468.00</p> <p>(b) Ground Transport – R 1500</p> <p>(c) Accommodation – R 30 128.73</p> <p><b>Total costs = R 54 096</b></p>
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	<p><b>ECRDA</b></p> <p>(a) Flights – R45 870.00</p> <p>(b) Ground Transport – R2643.95</p> <p>(c) Accommodation – R57 570.00</p> <p>(d) Travel Insurance – R1500.00</p> <p>(e) S &amp; T – R17 738.75</p> <p><b>Total = R125 332.70</b></p> <p><b>ECSECC</b></p> <p>(a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) – R 93223.47</p> <p>(c) Accommodation – R 39844.50</p> <p>(d) Travel Insurance – R 620.00</p> <p>(e) S &amp; T – R 5800.00</p> <p>(f) Visa fees – R 500.00</p> <p>(g) Document handling fee – R115</p> <p><b>Total - R 140 102.97.</b></p> <p><b>Germany</b></p> <p><b>OTP</b></p> <p>(a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) – R 1 066 951.75</p> <p>(b) Ground Transport – R295 720.00</p> <p>(c) Accommodation – R 121 765.00</p> <p>(d) Allowances – R 67 401.75</p>
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	<p><b>Total - R 1551 837.75</b></p> <p><b>DSRAC</b></p> <p>(a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) – R 237,900.00</p> <p>(b) Ground transport – R 111 100.00</p> <p>(c) Accommodation – R 37 200.00</p> <p>(d) Travel Insurance &amp; Service – R29 750</p> <p><b>Total – R415 950.00</b></p> <p><b>DEDEAT</b></p> <p>(a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) – R R220 580.00</p> <p>(b) Accommodation – R33 600.00</p> <p><b>Total costs – R254 180.00</b></p> <p><b>Buffalo City Municipality</b></p> <p>a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) – R 291 885.32</p> <p>b) Ground transport – R63 000</p> <p>c) Accommodation – R 146 730.00</p> <p><b>Total – R501 615.32</b></p> <p><b>ELIDZ</b></p> <p>a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) – R174 117.69</p> <p>b) Accommodation – R 21 940.00</p> <p>c) Ground transport – R 6 827.23</p> <p>d) Allowance – R 28 576.00</p> <p><b>Total – R231 460.92</b></p>
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	<p><b>AIDC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) – R 48 301.02</li> <li>b) Accommodation – R4 829.35</li> <li>c) Ground transport - R5 800.00</li> <li>d) Allowance – R 10 794.00</li> </ul> <p><b>Total – R69 724.37</b></p> <p><b>China</b></p> <p><b>China (Heilongjiang Province and Zhejiang Province)</b></p> <p><b>Office of the Premier</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class)- R1 052 034.8</li> <li>b) Car hire - R85 719.00</li> <li>c) Accommodation - R195571</li> <li>d) Advance Payment – R 31212.90</li> </ul> <p><b>Total: R1 364 537.7</b></p> <p><b>Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) – 624 060.00</li> <li>b) Ground transport - R55 380.00</li> <li>c) Accommodation - R90 900.00</li> <li>d) S &amp; T - R 57 000</li> <li>e) Gifts - R5 000</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>Total: R 832 340.00</b></p> <p><b>Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency</b></p> <p>a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) - R254 982.49</p> <p>b) Transfer - R 5025.84</p> <p>c) Accommodation - R46 671.79</p> <p>d) S&amp;T - R15 000</p> <p>e) Insurance - R1050.00</p> <p><b>Total: R322 730.12</b></p> <p><b>Coega Development Corporation</b></p> <p>a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) - R 248 663.00</p> <p>b) Ground Transport - R 8 623.71</p> <p>b) Accommodation - R 24 432.56</p> <p>d) S&amp;T - R26 257.16</p> <p><b>Total: R307 976.43</b></p> <p><b>East London Industrial Development Zone</b></p> <p>a) Flights ((Economy &amp; Business Class) - R410 139.60</p> <p>b) Travel Insurance - R1300.00</p> <p>c) Accommodation – R 100 026.00</p> <p>d) Visa application: R3051.00</p> <p>e) Service fee: R2 530.00</p> <p><b>Total: R517 046.60</b></p> <p><b>DEDEAT</b></p>
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	<p>a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class)- R774 859.60</p> <p>b) Shuttle - R 22 543.54</p> <p>c) Accommodation - R191 681.33</p> <p>d) S&amp;T - R44 334.24</p> <p><b>Total: R1 033 418.71</b></p> <p><b>Qatar</b></p> <p><b>OTP</b></p> <p>(a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) – R71 661.12</p> <p>(b) Accommodation – R39 900.00</p> <p>(c) Ground transport – R75 365.00</p> <p>(d) Daily allowance – R0.00</p> <p>(e) Subsistence and meals expenses – R0.00</p> <p><b>Total: R186 926.12</b></p> <p><b>DEDEAT</b></p> <p>(a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) – R 539 43.06</p> <p>(b) Accommodation – R 287 01.94</p> <p>(c) Daily allowance – R 5 654.62</p> <p>(d) Subsistence and meals expenses – R 5 654.62</p> <p><b>Total: R88 299.62</b></p> <p><b>CDC</b></p> <p>(a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) – R 17 249.62</p> <p>(b) Accommodation – R 7,565.76</p> <p>(c) Ground transport – R806.04</p> <p>(d) Daily allowance – R2,299.32</p>
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	<p>(e) Subsistence and meals expenses – R 2,299.32</p> <p><b>Total: R27 920.74</b></p> <p><b>Japan</b></p> <p>(a) Flights (Economy &amp; Business Class) - R379 529.48</p> <p>(b) Accommodation – R313 156.00</p> <p>(c) Ground transport – R309 065.00</p> <p>(d) Daily allowance – R17 740.00</p> <p>(e) Subsistence and meals expenses – R17 740.00</p> <p><b>Total: R1 019 490.48</b></p>
<p>(f) Whether he can kindly list (a) the source of funding for each trip, indicating whether costs were covered by (i) his Office, (ii) provincial fiscus, (iii) a national department or entity, (iv) external donors, sponsors or hosts or (v) through cost-sharing arrangements;</p>	<p>(a) Costs for foreign trips undertaken by the Premier were defrayed from Budget of the Office of the Premier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Costs were covered by the Office of the Premier</li> <li>ii. Funds were made available from the Provincial fiscus</li> <li>iii. No funds were received from national departments or entities for travel of the Premier</li> <li>iv. No funds were received from external donors, sponsors or hosts</li> <li>v. No funds were received through cost-sharing arrangements</li> </ul>
<p>(b) Whether he can kindly provide information on the planning and approvals for each trip,</p>	<p>All international trips were undertaken following extensive planning, consultations with international</p>

<p>including whether (i) it formed part of an approved annual travel plan or (ii) it was undertaken on an ad hoc basis, (iii) all internal protocol and governance requirements were followed and (iv) the trip complied with National Treasury and/or Provincial Treasury cost-containment and travel guidelines;</p>	<p>partners and assessment of the potential for cooperation with each of the countries visited to contribute to advancement of the developmental priorities of the Eastern Cape. The trips were intended to either establish mutual relations or maintenance of existing relations and none of these trips were undertaken on an ad hoc basis, except for trips that were initiated by the Minister of Electricity. In addition:</p> <p><b>United Arab Emirates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Cooperation with the UAE was included in the Operational Plan for 2023 financial year</li> <li>ii. The trip was part of a commitment to strengthen cooperation with the UAE considering the strategic nature of this partnership</li> <li>iii. The trip was approved by the Premier and it complied with OTP International Relations Procedure Manual. The Manual tailors to the Eastern Cape circumstances, Measures and Guidelines for the Enhanced Coordination of South Africa's International Engagements.</li> </ul>
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	<p>iv. Cost containment measures were observed as participation in the trip to the UAE was limited to officials who had roles to perform in the program and implementation of commitments made during the engagements with UAE</p> <p><b>Tunisia and Egypt</b></p> <p>i. Proposed establishment of cooperation with regions in Tunisia and Egypt was included in the Operational Plan for 2023 financial year</p> <p>ii. The trip was part of the commitment to establish relations in the AfCFTA and advancement of intra-African trade through fostering cooperation with Tunisian regions</p> <p>iii. The trip was approved by the Premier and it complied with OTP International Relations Procedure Manual. The Manual tailors to the circumstances in the Province, Measures and Guidelines for the Enhanced Coordination of South Africa’s International Engagements.</p> <p>iv. Cost containment measures were observed as participation</p>
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	<p>in the trip to the Tunisia and Egypt was limited to officials who had roles to perform in the program for the visit and implementation of commitments made with these partners</p> <p><b>Germany</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The maintenance of existing cooperation with Lower Saxony in Germany was included in the Operational Plan for 2024 financial year and the 2025 APP</li> <li>ii. The trip was part of the commitment to maintenance of relations with the State of Lower Saxony which celebrates thirty years of its founding this year. The delegation further had engagements with corporate citizens (VW and Mercedes Benz) to lobby them to expand their investment in the Province. The delegation further had engagements with the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development on accessing technologies and resources available under the Just Energy Transition</li> </ul>
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	<p>the strategic nature of this partnership</p> <p>iii. The trip was approved by the Premier and it complied with OTP International Relations Procedure Manual. The Manual tailors to the Eastern Cape circumstances, Measures and Guidelines for the Enhanced Coordination of South Africa’s International Engagements.</p> <p>iv. Cost containment measures were observed as participation in the trip to the China was limited to officials who had roles to perform in the program and implementation of commitments made during the engagements with the Chinese Provinces</p> <p><b>Qatar</b></p> <p>i. The Premier and his support team participated in the trip following an invitation from the Minister of Electricity and Energy, Mr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa who highlighted benefits for the Eastern Cape from engagements in Qatar.</p> <p>ii. The trip was not part of an approved annual plan.</p>
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	<p>iii. It was undertaken on an ad hoc basis due to the green hydrogen energy project earmarked for the Eastern Cape which is to be located at the Coega Development Corporation.</p> <p>iv. The internal and governance requirements were followed. The trip was approved.</p> <p>v. The trip was approved and followed the cost containment and travel guidelines.</p>																						
<p>(c) Whether he can kindly provide a breakdown of the cumulative expenditure on international travel for the Premier and his delegation since taking office, with a comparison to the allocated budget for the same period;</p>	<p>Budget for the Office of the Premier for International Travel for the :</p> <p><b>2023/24 FY</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="882 1021 1002 1059"><b>Budget</b></th> <th data-bbox="1321 1021 1509 1059"><b>Expenditure</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="882 1106 1114 1137">Accommodation</td> <td data-bbox="1321 1106 1528 1137"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="882 1189 1098 1220">R 1019 352.00</td> <td data-bbox="1321 1189 1528 1220">R 1017314.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="882 1272 1114 1303">Daily Allowance</td> <td data-bbox="1321 1272 1493 1303"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="882 1355 1082 1386">R 109 372.00</td> <td data-bbox="1321 1355 1493 1386">R 92 661.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="882 1438 1043 1469">Car Rental</td> <td data-bbox="1321 1438 1509 1469"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="882 1520 1082 1552">R 761 000.00</td> <td data-bbox="1321 1520 1509 1552">R 706 451.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="882 1603 983 1635">Flights</td> <td data-bbox="1321 1603 1528 1635"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="882 1686 1107 1718">R 2 082 782.00</td> <td data-bbox="1321 1686 1528 1718">R 2 016 154.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="882 1769 967 1800"><b>Total</b></td> <td data-bbox="1321 1769 1528 1800"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="882 1852 1098 1883">R3 833 182.00</td> <td data-bbox="1321 1852 1528 1883">R3 973 506.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	Accommodation		R 1019 352.00	R 1017314.96	Daily Allowance		R 109 372.00	R 92 661.35	Car Rental		R 761 000.00	R 706 451.15	Flights		R 2 082 782.00	R 2 016 154.92	<b>Total</b>		R3 833 182.00	R3 973 506.00
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tunisia and Egypt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joint Declaration of Cooperation between the Eastern Cape and the Governorate of Gabes was signed;</li><li>• Joint Declaration for Bilateral Cooperation between the Eastern Cape and the Governorate of Medenine was concluded;</li><li>• Memorandum of Understanding between the ECDC and the South Development Office</li><li>• MOU between Coega IDZ and the Zarsiz Park of Economic Activities</li><li>• MOU between the Tunisian South East Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Eastern Cape organised business represented by the EC chapter of NAFCOC, FABCOS, Border- Kei Chamber of Business. Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber to co-sign the MOU at a later stage</li><li>• The Tunisian Rose Blanch Group signed with the Chris Hani Development Agency (CHDA) and the ECRDA a memorandum of engagement (MOE) committing to work towards investing in the Eastern Cape. The MOE provides for cooperation with Eastern Cape businesses in the following areas:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) Primary production of grain;</li></ul></li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The DRDAR/Fort Cox, King Hintsa to resuscitate collaboration on agriculture with DEULA Institute</li> <li>• 15 young volunteers to be placed in Eastern Cape in August 2024 as part of the exchange program</li> <li>• A centre modelled from the Olympic Training Centre in Germany be piloted in the province through leveraging resources from local, provincial government a National Lotteries Fund and the private sector</li> <li>• Deutsche Messe Technology Academy to assist with the modelling of a Smart Academy in Eastern Cape, Gqeberha</li> <li>• Follow up on exemption of VW from loadshedding as it affects VW production and for the NMBM to support Solar Panels in its factory to supply its own energy and the Waste to energy project</li> <li>• Nelson Mandela Bay and City of Braunschweig to work towards signing an MOU to provide for cooperation between the two cities</li> </ul> <p><b>The Minister of the Interior and Sport of Lower Saxony, Ms Daniela Behrens, and the President of the Landessportbund Niedersachsen, Mr Andre Kwiatkowski</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower Saxony to send a rugby team for to the Eastern Cape. To continue with the partnership and send more volunteers to create great leaders.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Minister for Interior and Sport to visit the Eastern Cape in 2024.</li> <li>• BCM to welcome women’s team and a reciprocal visit of Oldenburg Municipality. <b>Breakfast session with South African Honorary Consul based in Stuttgart, Mr W Porth</b></li> <li>• Meeting between the Eastern Cape joint Chambers and the Chambers in Stuttgart to be coordinated to learn from each other and training of SMMEs and management on how to better run business.</li> <li>• EC to participate at the January 2024 Tourist Fair in Stuttgart. It was also agreed that EC will share information on marketing the province to be included in the Stuttgart Chamber Magazine.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Investment Promotion Event in Berlin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership for farmers on genetic cattle breeding and production proposed. DRDAR to make follow up and take the proposal forward.</li> <li>• EC to invite German businesses to the SMME Summit in 2024.</li> <li>• A task team to be set up to consider the proposals on industrial hemp, converting plastic and organic material into electricity, solar generation projects and mini grid to provide customers with low tariffs on electricity.</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>Meeting with the State Secretary of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• South Africa to learn from India models and processes on pharmaceuticals as India has acquired international competitiveness in this industry.</li><li>• Tripartite cooperation between Germany, India and South Africa is key to sustaining global competitiveness and should be discussed for the future.</li><li>• To consider RMB as the key for investment solutions.</li></ul> <p><b>China</b></p> <p>The success of the trip would be measured by the following outcomes which when they materialise would be immensely beneficial in contributing to economic growth, skills development and creating employment opportunities in the Eastern Cape:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The signing of the Contract between SBDM Municipality and Yuhan District providing for placement of two students on a scholarship with the Zhejiang Normal University is a tangible outcome of the trip. To broaden and deepen this initiative, the parties agreed to explore opportunities for participation of Rhodes University in the exchange program.</li><li>• The partnerships forged between Floorworx and identified factories in</li></ul>
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	<p>Zhejiang Province providing for Flowworx to source directly the raw materials instead of using agents. The deal would reduce costs by 30%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Signing of the MOU between South African auto manufacturer and Chinese bus manufacturer for joint venture to set up an investment in a factory at the ELIDZ.</li><li>• Signing ceremony of an MOU on 29 August 2024 between Golden Dragon Company in Xiamen with the local partner (SIGA) and SANTACO . These parties are currently looking at developing a cost effective mini-bus vehicle for the South Africa Taxi Industry.</li><li>• Signing of Collaboration agreement between ELIDZ/ AIDC and Chinese auto commercial vehicle manufacturer to set up a facility in the ELIDZ.</li><li>• Conversion of agreements and investment pipeline to signed investments would contribute to increase in investment flows into the Eastern Cape. More work needs to be done to bring the above investments into reality.</li></ul> <p>In sum, the trip has effectively positioned the Eastern Cape in the Yiwu International Trade Market, Chinese automotive and tourism sectors. The footprint of the Eastern Cape in the Chinese market will increase</p>
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	<p>qualitatively if commitment and work that has been initiated to conclude new partnerships with Heilongjiang Province, City of Daqing and Zhejiang Oceans University materialize. This would further be consolidated if the Eastern Cape accepts invitations to participate in the 2024 China-Africa Forum on Economy and Culture in Jinhua from 07 – 08 November 2024 and also participation of the Youth SMMEs in the 5<sup>th</sup> Zhejiang International Friendship Cities Exchange Exhibition in Yiwu, China, from 13 to 15 November 2024 to learn lessons from the Chinese experience on international exhibitions.</p> <p><b>Qatar</b></p> <p>The Eastern Cape used existing relations between South Africa and Qatar to advance its interests in the State of Qatar on fields of trade, economy, investment, energy.</p> <p><b>Japan</b></p> <p>Hive project at Coega which is still in preparatory stages.</p>
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