



MINISTRY
COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES
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**PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
WRITTEN REPLY**

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Ms N K Sharif (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:

Whether, with reference to the Report of the Public Protector on an investigation into allegations of maladministration, corruption and potential conflict of interest against the former Minister of Communications, Hon Dina Pule, MP, in connection with the appointment of service providers to render event management services for the hosting of the ICT Indaba held in Cape Town from 4 – 7 June 2012, released on 5 December 2013, she will furnish Ms N K Sharif with a proof that (a) all amounts, itemised accordingly, spent on all of overseas trips of a certain person (name furnished) by his department at the time were properly quantified and (b) every cent was paid back to the State by 31 January 2014 as the Public Protector recommended in the report; if not, what (i) are the reasons, in each case, for his inability to provide the required information and (ii) plans has he put in place to rectify the failure to provide the specified information in each case; if so, what are the relevant details; NW4551E

REPLY:

- (a)** The Department's records indicate that Mr Mngqibisa received benefits amounting to R104 635.00 in respect of the Mexico trip and the subsequent extension to New York. This amount comprised expenditure incurred by the Department on his flights, accommodation and car hire.
- (b)** Mr Mngqibisa reimbursed the Department an amount of R89 326.35 on 18 July 2013. Proof of this payment is attached as Annexure A.

- (i) According to the SIU, the R89 326.35 reimbursement did not include expenditure associated with the extension of the trip to New York, as the Department was not aware of the extension at the time. The total expenditure identified by the Department, including the New York extension, is R104 635.00, leaving an outstanding amount of R15 308.65. It has become apparent that the Department did not follow up on the recovery of the outstanding amount of R15 308.65. The Minister has instructed the Department to initiate the necessary process to recover the outstanding amount from Mr Mngqibisa.
- (ii) The Department has been instructed to take the necessary steps to ensure that the recovery process is followed through to finalisation.

AUTHORISED FOR SUBMISSION BY

MS NONKQUBELA JORDAN-DYANI
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE:

RECOMMENDED/NOT RECOMMENDED

HON. MONDLI GUNGUBELE, MP
DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES
DATE:

APPROVED/ ~~NOT APPROVED~~



HON. SOLLY MALATSI, MP
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES
DATE: 10/09/2026