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Dr P M Mjwara, P Maruping, Dr Martinez, Secretariat, National Working Group on Space Science & Technology (NRF)	Participate in the 44th session of the Scientific & Technical Sub- committee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful uses of outer space (UNCOPUOS)	UNCOPUOS is a standing committee of United Nat. M/ship comprises 64 UN Member States. Ann rep of space activities together with Dr Martinez, will be presented. Debate and enter SA's position on resolutions by Gen Assembly.
Dr P M Mjwara, Dr C Scheffer, Ms G Zwane, M L C representative, Mintek and ASSAf representative's	Accompany the DG to Belarus.	To strengthen bilateral co-operation and to develop further part- nerships with various countries through engaging in Joint Com- mittee meetings.
D du Toit.	Attendance of the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6) Networks of Na- tional Contact Points National Co-ordinators Meeting.	This programme is of immense importance to SA's science community and as such SA's participation is necessary. The implementation of the EU FP7 programme is currently in a very dynamic phase and it is of vital importance that SA through its NCP network achieves the same successes under the FP7 as was the case with the FP6 programme.
Mr P Hendricks, CSIR; Mr D Du Toit (DST)	Participation in the Euro- pean South African Science and Technology Advancement Programme (ESASTAP).	The timing of the FP7 seminar was strategic since it provided SA with an opportunity to inform the development of the con- tent of the first FP7 work programme, which determined the content of the first calls for proposals. The outcome was the development of modalities which were conducive to and mutu- ally beneficial to the engagement between the EU and SA which will also support the continental R&D objectives such as the African Consolidated Plan.
Dr A Paterson, Dr H Boraime, Ms Mphomane	Attendance of the Inno- vation South Africa Conference.	Showcasing innovation development in South Africa and provi- sion of a platform for developing an innovation policy dialogue between South African and European partners. Exploration of innovation collaboration opportunities between South Africa and Europe, including collaboration under the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) and the consideration of investment opportu- nities. Concomitantly, the forum also served to market South Africa's research strengths in Europe.
Dr G Moodley	Attend the International Summer Course at the University of Antwerp.	The concrete lessons and knowledge acquired through atten- dance of the summer school, especially as it relates to the role of science and technology in integrated water resources manage- ment, will be effectively diffused to key stakeholders in South Africa through meetings, workshops and conferences, and shared with colleagues in the DST and NACI.
Mr M Muofhe, Ms A Mlisa	Attend the Capacity Building Committee Meeting of GEO.	A process of identifying various capacity gaps to facilitate South African inputs from other GEO committees is currently under way.

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Dr A Paterson, Ms L Manyuchi	To attend the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Science and Technology committee co-Chairs meeting.	It was agreed that the S&T Committee should develop a vision for science within the GEO initiative. A meeting of the S&T Committee co-chairs to discuss a long term strategy for science within GEO.
Minister M A Mangena, A Makua	Supp Min & DST initiatives: Science week activities	Meet also counterpart in Flemish Ministry for Economy, Enterprise & Science, Innovation and Foreign Trade: Learn & exchange ideas between the two Ministries.
Deputy Minister D A Hanekom, H Roos.	Accompany the Deputy Minister to the 3rd SA-EU Ministerial Joint Co-operation Council (JCC).	The JCC is the custodian of the Trade, Development and Co-operation Agreement (TDCA) between SA and the EU. The DST is an important partner in the implementation of the TDCA and includes the DST does under the SA-EU Science and Technology Agreement and the Joint Science and Technology Co-operation Committee with the EU. The benefits are numerous but the most important is increased S&T Co-operation and possible increase in trade.
Mr M Muofhe	Attend the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) National Contact Point (NCP) training workshop.	To develop relationships with NCP's from other countries and be familiarised with FP7 modalities.
Minister M A Mangena, Ms G P Makoetjie, Dr M Mosimege	Ministerial visit to Belgium and Greece	Promoting and cementing relations with the governments of Belgium and Greece relating to Science and Technology Co-operation.
Mr D M Moagi	Attend the Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) Seminar in Botswana.	Interaction and role definitions between politicians and senior administrators in Government.
Mr R Holden, Dr M Mosimege, Dr Llobell, Ms Gumede	To attend the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Seminar on Social Equity and Economic Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro.	Discussion on the contribution of the IBSA forum for a new paradigm of dialogue: the south-south dialogue. And to promote better knowledge among IBSA members of their national policies and strategies to promote economic and social development and exchange views on international development challenges.
B Durham, G Zwane	Delegation to the third meeting of the conference of the parties serving as the meeting of the parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.	In order for the meaningful participation by South Africa in the negotiations, DST has played a role in the preparations and the COP-MOP and itself, with specific focus on Risk assessments and capacity building which are articles 15 and 20 respectively of the Catarena Protocol on Biosafety.

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Dr O Njamela, Mr A Suchanandan	Attending the 8th meeting of the Conference of the parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).	Will be discussing various issues including the status of Marine and Coastal biological diversity, forest biodiversity, global taxonomy initiative, assess and benefit sharing, technology transfer and co-operation scientific and technical co-operation and financial resources and mechanisms.
P Sitetyane, S B Xosa	Attend the meeting of the India-Brazil-South Africa Trilateral (IBSA) Working Group on Energy.	Besides the energy R&D strategy development process, the department has been involved in a number of energy sector related initiatives.
Minister M A Mangena, GP Makoetjie, D Naidoo, M Mosimege	Ministerial visit to Brazil	To share knowledge, experience and best practices and to propose strategies that will empower developing countries to employ science and technology as tools for social and economic development.
Dr O L Njamela	Participation in the 13th Governing board meeting of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF).	GBIF's primary purpose is to make the world's primary data on biodiversity freely and universally available. As such GBIF links into individual databases of contributing organisations and recasts the data in a common data exchange format and is shared through a GBIF portal. This has significant advantages in scientific research in many biodiversity fields that promotes technological and the sustainable development and to enhance the quality of people in society. Apart from the abovementioned, SA also has voting rights on the GBIF Board and as such has to attend the Governing Board Meetings.
Dr B Sehlapelo	Discussions with IBSA (India, Brazil, South Africa) on Nanotechnology.	Alignment with outcomes of the discussions with the broader IBSA agreement and also to the respective countries National Nanotechnology Strategies. The forum also provide a framework for additional impetus to further contact between Asian, South American and African developing countries, thus contributing to promotion of South-South co-operation. The visit further also allowed the DST to have discussions with Brazilian counterparts in the area of High Performance Computing, which was aimed at assisting the DST process that is currently underway for the establishment of Centre for High Performance Computing (CHPC).
Dr P M Mjwara, Mr D Naidoo, Dr M Mosimege; MRC Mabusela, J Eksteen (CSIR), E Lottering (NRF), R Skeef (NRF)	G77 S&T Ministerial meeting	SA the current chair for the Group of 77 hosted Science & Technology Ministerial meeting in parallel to the 10th General Conference & 17th General meeting of the Academy of Science for the Developing World (TWAS) and the 9th General Assembly of the Third World Network of Science Organisations (TWNSO). A number of bilat mtngs & visits to science institutions took place.
Minister M A Mangena; G Makoetjie; Dr M Mosimege; K M Mphahlele, Ms M Ndudane (NRF); N Moola & SAASTA representative	Participate in the Flanders Science Festival & Science week, partially with Minister	During this visit DST will profile SA as an important & preferred international science and technology investment designation; showcase the positive S&T co-op betw SA & Flanders during last 10 yrs. Study the organisational management of SET Week in Flanders to our benefit.

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S C Ntutela	Participating in the 2nd Annual International Conference of the African Science Academies Development Initiative (ASADI) — Cameroon.	The theme of the conference was "Prioritizing Food Security Policies for Health and Development in Africa". Key controversies in matters related to food security (for which African science academies would be uniquely positioned to help identify evidence-based solutions) were identified. The DST also got international exposure as Dr Ntutela also presented a paper at the conference, "Lessons from the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) Committee on Science and Technology for the Alleviation of Poverty".
M A Pyros, S Xosa, Ms L Manyuchi	To attend the Upcoming United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) eleventh conference of parties.	DST co-ordinates scientific and technology related inputs.
A Makhuba, A J Cane, G Moolman from NRF	DST Representatives to visit Canada to Learn more about Canadian Science and Technology System.	Research Chairs initiative is a human resource dev intervention of the government of SA, led by DST. The initiative is designed to significantly expand the scientific research base of SA in a way that supports the implementation of National Research & Development Strategy and is relevant to national development in an international competitive global knowledge economy. NRF will be implementing agent of the programme. The visit seeks to learn how the Canadians handle the issue of work permits within management of the Chairs programme who are entering Canada to take up chairs or how they deal with incoming brain initiatives. Key lessons for DST in this area will be in terms of intra-governmental co-operation between appropriate departments in facilitating entry of potential chair holders into the country. DST representatives would also discuss other areas of importance e.g space agency & dev co-op issues. DST would like to partner & learn through Canadian Sci&Tech Systems.
Dr H Borzine, Mr M Mahabane and Prof M Kahn (HSRC)	Attendance of the Blue Sky II Conference.	Blue Sky is a forum for the development of new indicators to respond to changing policy and user needs in the Science and Innovation (STI) area. The intent of the Blue Sky II Conference is to review progress made and looking towards the development of policy-relevant STI indicators in today's global economy. Dr H Borzine is specialising in STI indicators and is involved in various projects which require state of the art knowledge in this field and as indicators are used for monitoring and evaluation which are crucial for good management in the National System of Innovation (NSI). The topics covered were also particularly relevant to Dr Borzine's current responsibilities.
M Malewa, S Langa (Student), R Mbuyha (Student), R Mbuyha (Student), K Krampelo (Student), U Manganyi (Student)	Attendance of the Hemispheric Summit on Science, Technology & Research for Africa's Development.	The Conference among other opportunities afforded the participants with networking opportunities between scientists, university, the private sector and civil society that have an interest in supporting African initiatives in scientific research and development and provide opportunities to learn how they can support the African Union initiatives on Science and Technology, and assist in transforming Africa from a net exporter of primary products to one that exports finished products.

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M Pyoos, Dr M Molefe, M Maleka, MINTEK Representative	Visit to China prior to Presidents visit. Discussions on bio-fuels, poverty alleviation projects and skills development.	Aimed at elevating S&T co-operation between the two countries ahead of the President's visit.
Dr C Scheffer, Mr D Nkadimeng, Mr B Durham, Mr S Isaac, Mr G Claassen	Technical visit to Chile & Peru.	Exploration of the science and technology system of Peru and new mechanism of co-operation with Peru. Exploration of the science and technology system of Chile and the discussion of the draft Science and Technology between SA and Chile.
Dr B Sehlapelo, Dr N Msomi (LifeLab CEO), B Mboniswa (BioPad CEO), Dr G Mazithulela (CSIR's Bioscience Division), M Sibanda (Innovation Fund)	Official visit to Cuba, in respect of discussions on Biotechnology.	Finalise the contractual arrangement with a Cuban expert to assist SA in conducting an audit of the pre-clinical trial capacity and competencies and to develop a pre-clinical trial platform as part of a Drug Development Platform; further discussion on possible collaboration on Biopharming, signing of contract with Cuban expert to assist Lifelab in building a fermentation platform for the production of human monoclonal antibodies. Obtaining an understanding on how Cuban Biotechnology agenda achieved so much with so little (as a developing country) financial resources especially with the remarkable achievements in the application of biotechnology, especially in health.
Dr B Fanaroff, S K A Proj Man; Dr A W Paterson, Dr P M Mjwara.	Participate in the SKA Funding agencies working group meeting.	The meeting is crucial for our ongoing effort to becoming the winning country to host the SKA and will be attended by potential investors from government and S&T agencies representatives from the USA, UK, EU, Australia and Canada.
T Mathe	Attendance of the UNIDO "Technology Foresight Course on Scenarios Building".	Acquired the necessary skills, knowledge and experience in Trends and Foresighting to build capacity within the International Technology Information Unit.
Dr P M Mjwara, L N W Lusenga	Congress of African Scientists & Policy Makers, Alexandria, Egypt.	Part of pre-summit preparatory program for AU Summit in January 2007. Provide opportunities for Africa Sc to share exp with countries who success used S&T for their econom dev eg India, Brazil, China & Finland.
Ms L Lusenga, Dr P Mjwara, Minister M A Mangena, K Jevan, Y Koekemoer	Attend the extra-ordinary Conference of Ministers of Science and Technology. African Ministers Council on Science and Technology (AMCOST) and African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) meetings.	The Conference will consider all the documents to be presented to the AU Summit that is scheduled for January 2007.

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Ms L Lusenga, Dr P Mjwara, Minister M A Mangena, K Jevan	Attendance of the Extraordinary Conference of Ministers of Science and Technology.	Strengthening of International Relations on Science and Technology.
Minister M A Mangena, Dr P M Mjwara, G P Makoetjie, L Lusenga, S Matiwane, Y Koekemoer	Attend the African Union Summit and Participation in the Joint African Union — Economic Commission for Africa's Science, Technology and Innovation Exhibition.	Presented SA with an important opportunity to focus on the role that science and technology and innovation play towards Africa's socio-economic development, to showcase projects that demonstrate African co-operation related to S&T and the return on investment and lastly to encourage the African youth to take up careers in S&T thus increasing skills and capacity building in S&T.
Dr B Schlapelo, NRF and CSIR representatives	Attendance of a meeting of the Committee of Plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) Member States & Part of the National Research Foundation (NRF) in respect of Human Resources and R&D Outcomes.	SA through the DST is a member of and contributes financially to the JINR and Dr B Schlapelo is a member of the Committee of Plenipotentiaries and as such has to attend these settings. In the USA the delegation led by the NRF targeted high level interaction with specific institutions (KPMG Foundation, The PhD Project, Rutgers University, American Museum of National History, Emory University, et cetera) that could assist the South African science system to train more graduate researchers especially at a PhD level.
Ms N Vutula, Ms P Maruping	To attend an International Conference on Changing Foresight Practices in Regional Development, Global pressures and Regional possibilities.	It is envisaged that this conference will provide a platform for establishing international contacts and networks. In an increasing competitive global economy marked by the technology divide between the developed and developing worlds.
Dr N Arendse, D du Toit	Evaluation of tenders for the Co-operation Framework on Innovation Systems between Finland and South Africa (COFISA).	Strengthening of Innovation Systems Co-operation between South Africa and Finland.
Ms L Lusenga, Mr M Mabokano	Attend the 15th meeting of the Global Science Forum (GSF).	Assessment of relationship between public and private R&D investments.

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Dr N Arendse	Attendance of the 1st meeting of the Backstopping Team on Co-operation Framework on Innovation Systems between Finland and South Africa COFISA.	The first meeting of the "backstopping team" considered the preparation of the COFISA implementation plan for the period October 2006 to March 2007. The DST also finalised the inter-governmental agreements between the Governments of South Africa and Finland necessary for the launch of COFISA. This is and was a very important initiative as it eventually led to Donor Funding for the DST.
Dr T Seekoe, Ms B Khutsoane	To attend the 1st 2006 Strategies for Leadership Conference.	The DST through the European — South African Science and Technology Advancement Programme (ESASTAP) will be hosting one of the networking sessions. The networking session will serve as a platform to further deepen South Africa's relationship with the European commission in the area of ICT, and will also be used to market South Africa ICT expertise.
N Naidoo, Dr N Arendse, N Seetal (COFISA National Co-ordinator), T Maleho (Innovation Hub), S Lamprecht (SME Technology Network Expert)	Attendance of a high level visit in respect of the Co-operation Framework on Innovation Systems between Finland and South Africa COFISA.	The visit focused primarily on the implementation of the different elements of COFISA and an examination of the strategies and interventions that Finnish partners have adopted to address economic-driven innovation challenges. Discussions in respect of the sharing of knowledge and expertise, comparison of policy and institutional arrangements, the examination of enabling instruments, and the supply side measures and other services that would stimulate the two national systems of innovation also took place.
Minister M A Mangena, Dr M Mosimege, G Makoetjie, L Mphahlele, M Ndudane (NRF), N Moola, SAASTA representative	To participate at the Flanders Science Festival. The Science and Technology Agreement with the Greek counterparts to be signed in Athens.	During this visit DST will profile South Africa as an important and preferred international science and technology investment designation. Signed Science and Technology Agreement with the Greek embassy.
M Mabusela, M Mopai	Attendance of 14th meeting of the OECD's Global Science Forum	SA will host OECD-SA w/shop, Nov'05. A Steering Group that assist in preparation for workshop has been established and met several times over the last nine months. 6th OECD-SA Steering Group mtng planned to take place on 30 Aug'05. Next Steering group meeting will finalise speakers list, the issues papers & decide on who should be sponsored to participate in the workshop.
Dr A W Paterson, B Archary, M Mopai, L Manyuchi	Attendance of the first full meeting of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Science and Technology (S&T) Committee).	SA has the position of co-chair on the GEO S&T Committee. This was the first full meeting of the S&T Committee and the outcome of the meeting was the finalisation of the work programmes for the different tasks which resort under the committee after thorough discussions were held on all the work programmes.

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Dr T Seekoe, M Maruping, Z P Dlamini	Attendance of an introductory space course at the International Space University (ISU) in France.	The course provided the participants with a better understanding of space technology and business and the participants also acquired the necessary knowledge and skills (Astrodynamics, understanding of the space environment, understanding of fundamentals of space propulsion, understanding elements of space economics and future trends in space markets, understanding of aspects of space mission planning and development, and, understanding the design and cost issues plus legal aspects of space missions) skills to enable them to communicate effectively with technical colleagues). This is especially important in the sense that SA is getting more involved in an active space projects/programmes.
Dr B Marais, S Mpele, Dr D Walwyn (CSIR)	Attend the planning meeting for the National System of Innovation (NSI) Peer Review and the working group meeting.	This offers South Africa the opportunity to be benchmarked against similar countries such as Chile. Discussion of the preliminary nonofficial draft report with the OECD secretariat and the planning of the official visit by an expert group of the OECD responsible for the peer review of the National System of Innovation (NSI) during June 2006.
Dr M Mosimege	To attend a seminar on SA-French Scientific Research hosted by the CNRS.	Discussions on the finalisation of the S&T Agreement and negotiating possible dates for the next Joint Committee (JC) meeting to take place in South Africa.
Min M A Mangena & Ms G Makoetjie; Dr C J Scheffer, A J Canca	Support Minister & Participation in the 3rd Annual Science & Technology in Society Forum (STS Forum).	Forum is held annually, aimed at encouraging world leaders in general to find solutions to the problems associated with negative applications of tech. Disc focus on topics such as harmonising economic dev with global warming, controlling infectious diseases, preventing terrorism & assessing potential health benefits & ethical factors relating to cloning tech. Participation in bilat mtngs with Sir David King of UK, disc Bio-Ethanol proposal, & with Dr Arthur Carty of Canada disc Intern Dev Res Center's (IDRC) engagement in regional/tri-lateral matters. Disc Climate Change Fund for African Researcher & the Space Agency partnership will also be held. In addition Follow-up interactions to the SA-Japan Forum of Jul'06, PTA, where S&T relations betw the 2 countries featured prominently.
B Durham, A Llobell (PlantBio)	Participating in the Organisation for Economic and Co-operate Development Biotechnology meetings.	SA's participation benefited the Biotechnology programmes in the country, especially the Biotechnology Regional Innovation Centers (BRICS) in developing best-practice for SA Biotechnology initiatives. The delegation also forged partnerships and leveraged skills. As SA's Biotechnology Industry is in its infancy it is vital to understand global best practice and global approaches are necessary to grow Biotechnology towards a significant contributor to Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

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B Durham	Attending a Working Party on Biotechnology National Experts on Science and Technology Indicators Workshop.	The measurement of biotechnology is a key issue for performance management of the Biotechnology Institutions of SA arising from the National Biotechnology Strategy. The issues discussed during the meeting, eg "General issues of the impacts of biotechnology applications, Economic impacts — general and then by sector: health, agriculture, industry, etc., Noneconomic impacts, Methodological issues, User needs — what do policy makers and industry people need and what would they use data for" will assist SA in the issues of performance management. Mr Durham also visited Biotechnology Science Parks and other Biotechnology Innovation Institutions to get a better understanding of the French innovation systems and also to promote the SA-France biotechnology collaboration.
P Maruping, LI Manyuchi	Attendance of meeting of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Science and Technology Committee Co-Chairs.	The process of developing the document, "The Role of Science and Technology in GEOSS" was determined that included finalising the draft outline structure, individual chapter contents, distributing drafting responsibilities and refining the timetable for the development of the document. The documents will also role of S&T in GEO and the engaging of the scientific community to participate in GEO relevant research.
Mr I E Patel, Ms L Manyuchi	Attend the twenty-fourth session of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) subsidiary body meetings.	Discussions on the "Five-year programme of work on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, development and transfer of technologies and Research and Systematic Observation needs to the Convention.
Dr C Scheffer, Ms M Mokotedi, Dr V Munsami	Bi-National Commission meeting (Germany).	Supported the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Germany during the Bi-National Committee Meeting.
Dr Mjwara (DG:DST) & Mr Muofhe	Attending the Group on Earth Observation (GEO) plenary meeting.	To agree on the proposed agenda and to finalise relevant documentation to be tabled at the Plenary.
B Archary, M Mpoai	Participation on a consultative workshop on the framework for the establishment for the establishment of the SA Space Agency and the associated issues of space-derived geospatial data and applications of the Sumbandila satellite to be launched in 2007.	The Workshop was on two key programmes/projects that the DST currently is establishing and implementing. Due to the fact that this is two areas the DST accumulated important knowledge to develop and implement these two projects successfully.

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Deputy Minister D A Hanekom, N Moola	Attendance of the 32nd meeting of the Carnegie Group of G8 Research Ministers and Chief Science Advisors.	One of the focus areas were "Science and Technology in Africa". The Deputy Minister also discussed the forthcoming African Union (AU) Summit on S&T and looked at potential areas of further collaboration among the G8 and New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) members as concerns Science and Technology.
Ms M A Pyoos, Mr S Ratsatsi, Mr P Haupt	Official visit to AIRBUS and the European Aerospace Centers of Excellence/Competence.	This was the final phase of the establishment of a programme of collaboration with Airbus Industries in the strengthening and growing of South Africa's research and technology capacity in the aerospace industry. This eventually also led to the signing of a memorandum of Understanding for Research and Technology Collaboration on 21 September 2006.
Mt S Manzini, Mr M Mabokano, Mr S Mpele, Mr F Mpanza.	Exploratory visit to Ghana to initial bilateral co-operation and talks with Malian officials about Timbuktu project	The visit was instrumental in initiating bilateral co-operation between South Africa and Ghana. Experts from science councils also formed part of the delegation, in order to explore areas of co-operation with their Ghanaian counterparts. The visit to Mali was aimed at the discussing of the bilateral co-operation and the up and coming signing of the bilateral co-operation agreement between South Africa and Mali.
Deputy Minister D A Hanekom, P Maruping, N Mahomed, N Moolla	Invitation by the Deputy President of SA to form part of the delegation to India. The focus of the delegation will be on the second economy and job creation.	The delegation met with the TATA Group, which agreed to train South Africa's unemployed graduates. Further to this India also shared success stories of India in supporting the second economy and the delegation was also exposed to relevant industries in the creative fields, eg clothing and textiles, processing of goat's products, et cetera.
Mr D P Naidoo, M R C Mabusela, Prof I Parker (UCT)	13th session of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology (ICGEB) Board of Governors	SA is the 49th full Member state of ICGEB. Decision on the location of the 3rd ICBEB Component to be made. Interact with Dr Ramasami, Sec: India's Dept Sc&Tech & Team on outcomes of deleg visit to SA, Sept '06, including renewal of bilat agreem & sign new Protocol of Co-op.
Minister M A Mangena, Ms G P Makoetjie	Ministerial visit to Italy and Hungary as part of the Presidential delegation	Discussion Science and Technology related issues and supporting the President in this respect.
D Naidoo, A Canca, Y Akeno, M Mokotedi, B Pullen (Engineering Council of SA), Dr B Marais, Prof P Tobias, Prof T Marwala (NACI)	Delegation to the SA-Japan S&T Policy Forum.	Key event supporting SA's Science month at Aichi.

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Dr B Ngubane (Ambassador of SA to Japan); Deputy President Ms P Mlambo-Ngcuka; Prof N Ndebele (UCT), DP Naidoo; Dr B Sehlapelo; Dr C Scheffer; P Maruping; M Maleka; AJ Canca, Y Akeno (Japanese rep to DST & co-organisier of the mission program with V Lingela	Delegation visit various S&T sites in Japan; Part- nership Forum; Working group to discuss & plan for JC Meeting; S&T Collaboration between SA-Japan; and partici- pate in SASTEC semi- nars to discuss a proposal for the Ja- pan-SA Forum for Uni- versity Vice-Presidents and Deputy Vice-Chan- cellors with the Deputy President of SA, Ms P Mlambo-Ngcuka	Ms Canca has been requested to attend the Participation in dis- cussion of the proposal for the Japan-SA Forum for University Vice-Chancellors and Deputy Vice-Chancellors with Deputy President of SA.
Dr Sehlapelo; Dr Scheffer; Ms Maruping; Ms Canca; Mr Maleka; Mr Akeno (Japan rep-DST & co-organ mission program with Mr Lingela. Paid themselves: K Njobe (CSIR); Dr Mundree (BRICs); Prof Ngoepe, Dr Moonsamy (NRF); a rep from Meraka-CSIR	SASTEC IPR and SA- Japan JC-meeting	Visit S&T sites in Japan. Partnership Forum — share progress on proj & disc future proj. Working group disc & plan JC Mtng. JC Mtng discuss a way forward with regard to S&T collabora- tion between SA-Japan. Participation in & benefit from the SASTEC seminar held during period of trip.
Mr D P Naidoo, Dr B Sehlapelo, Dr C Scheffer, Ms P Maruping, Ms A Canca, Mr M Maleka, Mr Y Akeno, Mr V Lingela, K Njobe, Dr S Mundree, Prof P Ngoepe, Dr V Moonsamy	Technical visit to Japan.	The DST officials will participate in and benefit from the SASTEC seminars to be held during this trip. Acquiring of knowledge in the Hydrogen Economy and Intellectual Property and policy matters as these areas formed part of the programme in Japan by the delegation.
Dr B Sehlapelo	Attendance of the Africa Japan Essay Speech Competition (A-JESC) and assistance with the adjudication of the speech competition.	As part of the DST international collaboration mandate, the DST Office in the SA Embassy in Japan and the DST have initi- ated an Africa-Japan Essay and Speech Competition under the theme: "Making Science and Technology a Foundation for Part- nership between Africa and Japan. The A-JESC was open to all African and Japanese high school and higher education students who had an interest in international relations and science and technology. The main benefit is the promotion of international relations and science and technology careers under the youth of the continent and Japan.

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Minister M A Mangena, G P Makoetjie, Dr C Scheffer, Ms A Canca	Participate in the Third Annual Science and Technology in Society Forum (STS Forum) in Japan.	The Minister was invited of the STS to be a speaker at the STS Forum. The STS Forum is aimed at encouraging world leaders in general to find solutions to the problems associated with negative applications of technology (E.g. harmonising economic development with global warming, controlling infectious diseases, preventing terrorism and assessing the potential health benefits and ethical factors relating to cloning technology). The STS Forum also afforded the SA delegation to have bilateral meetings to discuss the Bio-Ethanol proposal with the United Kingdom, the Climate Change Fund for African Researchers and the Space Agency partnership.
Mr C Masoka & Mr M Cele (DST); A Rep each from NRF & CSIR. Ms R Morathi (Deputy Presidents Office); D Lehlokoe (Presidency); Dr M Orkin (DG:SAMD)	Attend working visit to Japan in support of the Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative for SA (ASGISA) / and the Joint Initiative on Priority Skills Acquisition (JIPSA)	Address challenges that the country faces with lack of skills & human capital development. SA government objective is to halve poverty & unemployment by 2014, through implementation of initiatives such as ASGISA & JIPSA
S M G Zwane	To attend a GSF: OECD Workshop on Research Ethics.	Science and Technology research are currently taking place at an ever increasing pace and the technologies like for example genetics, biotechnology, nanotechnology, et cetera has the potential to be tremendously dangerous to the population and the environment as a whole and the subject of Research Ethics is therefore more so important than it was likely perceived to be a decade ago.
T Mathe, S Mpele	Attendance of the National Institute of Science and Technology Policy (NISTEP) Fellowship on Technology Foresight Spring Course.	Acquired the necessary skills, knowledge and experience in Trends and Fore sighting to build capacity within the International Technology Information Unit. The Travel and Accommodation expenditure was covered by the NISTEP as attendance of the course was on invitation.
C Masoka	Visit to the Head Quarters of African Institute for Capacity Development (AICAD) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) in Kenya.	Modalities were acquired from AICAD on poverty reduction in the African region through human capacity development in socioeconomic development through the facilitation of training to indigenous people to solve problems in Africa. The visit to AICAD was in essence a fact finding mission in order to learn how they have established the AICAD model in East Africa and how this process could be replicated in the Southern African Region.
Mr I E Patel, Ms L Manyuchi	Attend the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COPMOP) and its Subsidiary bodies.	The DSTis called upon from time to time to assist with other agenda items, to attend side events, and to engage in meetings and discussions with partners on a multilateral and bilateral basis, for example during SBSTA-24.

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Deputy Minister D A Hanekom, Ms A Morgen, Mr J Eksteen (Meraka), Ms H Roos	Attending a Ministerial Conference on "ICT for an Inclusive Society"	South Africa has by far been the most successful African participant in the information society technology (IST) activities of the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6). The invitation for South Africa to participate in the Riga Conference was extended as part of this growing partnership.
Minister M A Mangena, Ms L Lusenga, Ms P Magubane	Attend the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) summit.	A strong political will and support for Science and Technology at Regional level as well as the positioning of Science and Technology for economic development has strong political support at the Council of Ministers meeting and the Heads of States and Government Meeting. A declaration for Science and Technology development will be submitted to the Summit. As SA has also been at the forefront of all these initiatives and has an interest in the development of Science and Technology in the region it is also seen as a mechanism for seeding this very important initiative.
G Tiro, YN Seleti, P Magubane	To participate in the Lesotho SET Week.	To develop a consolidated plan of action identifying key focus areas for the international conference on IKS.
S Manzini	Attendance of the 12th International Organisation for Science and Technology Education (IOSTE) Conference.	IOSTE is an international organisation of researchers in science and technology education which aims to advance the cause of education in science and technology as a vital part of the general education of the people of all countries. Mr S Manzini submitted a paper for publication in the conference proceedings that was subsequently approved and the organisers invited him to deliver the paper during the conference. The title of the paper, "Report on the Implementation of an African Sociocultural Approach to Scientific Teaching: Application of the Collateral Learning Theory" is in line with the objective of the DST.
Minister M A Mangena, S Manzini, K Jevan and F Mpanza	A visit to Mali to sign Science and Technology agreement.	Signing of Science and Technology Agreement.
Ms L Lusenga, Ms P Magubane, Mr K Roux, Dr J Nell, Mr P Kgwakgwe, S Sukdeo	A technical visit to finalise project proposals.	A focused meeting of the technical committee in order to finalise project proposals under discussion and move to the implementation stage.
N Z Gumede	Attending 5th Design and Innovation Policy in Developing Countries Training Programme.	Attendance of the course enabled Ms NZ Gumede to: Better appreciate the various components of an innovation policy and especially to distinguish between financial and non-financial instruments and their impact, understand the importance of policies to increase the supply of technical trained human resources in R&D and other innovation activities, improve the collection and presentation of conventional indicators so as to use them and monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of specific instruments of innovation policies and increase awareness of new innovation indicators such as community innovation surveys and also understand the limitations of replicating such efforts in developing countries.

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Dr T Seekoe	Attendance of the Economic Co-operation and Development Meeting of the Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy.	Potential global collaborations on responsible research and development in Nano-science and nanotechnology. The DST also had the opportunity to highlight the National Nanotechnology Strategy for South Africa and decadal plan key outcomes, promote the inclusion of SA in water and/or health research programmes of the CSTP working party and to create partnership opportunities for local researchers.
Dr A Lucen	Attend a Conference on Corporate Governance in the Public Sector.	Identify examples of good practice internationally and thereby create an opportunity for possible adaptation of practices for implementation in the South African context. Establish networks with other delegates with an interest in governance and performance management issues internationally and consolidate new approaches on driving organisational behaviour.
Dr A W Paterson	Participate in the Presidential retreat and high-level dialogue sessions on the reform of the Nigerian Science, Technology and Innovation System.	The International Advisory Board (IBA) will be presenting a report on their activities to the President of Nigeria, indicating the directions taken from their recommendations, based on the Board members' international experience.
Mr K G Sishuba, Ms L Ngwenya, Dr V Munsami, Five Technical Experts	Attending the Joint committee meeting in Norway.	Oversee the implementation of the projects, amend implementation procedures, reporting on project finances and activities of the grant receiving institutions, and evaluate research results.
Peru: Dr C Scheffer & B Durham (DST); S Isaac (Meraka-CSIR); Mr G Claassen (PBM), C Dr Scheffer, SD Nkadimeng, Mr S Isaac (Meraka-CSIR)	Exploratory visit to understand Science and Technology Systems of the two countries and how they function.	DST has not entered into formal Science and Technology agreements with Chile & Peru. During discuss with Chile & Peru Embassies, interest was expressed in SA's initiatives in areas of mutual interest: Biotechnology; Biodiversity including Marine Science; Agriculture; Astronomy; Information Communication Technology, and Nuclear energy. In the case of Chile, the visit will afford both countries the opportunities to build on the disc that have already taken place in the past. Consultative meeting, coordinated by DFA, November 2005, serves as example. There will be opportunities for science councils to identify opportunities for collaboration with their counterparts in the two countries. Mr Nkadimeng responsibility for technology coordination of the visits. Present a comparative analysis of the strength of Peru & Chile & SA system. Serve as contact person for follow-ups.
Dr N Arendse	Attendance of the 57th Sitting of the International Center for Scientific and Technical Information (ICSTI) Governing Body — The Committee of Plenipotentiary representatives.	South Africa's membership after the completion of the relevant South African parliamentary processes had been completed, will specifically consider and approve South Africa's ICSTI membership. Furthermore the subject scope also addressed issues of international co-operation in innovations and information support to multilateral technology transfer projects.

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Deputy Minister D A Hanekom, Dr M Mosimege, Ms N Moolla, Ms M Ndudane (NRF), Prof Zingu (Univ KZN), Prof P Setati (Wits Univ), Mr J Eksteen (ICT), Prof Bradley (Wits Univ)	Official visit to Slovakia and Romania.	Discussion of the Agreement between the Government of the Slovak Republic and the Government of South Africa on Scientific Technological Co-operation currently being prepared. Defining of a partnership programme in the domains of energy, agriculture, health, new materials, the pharmaceutical industry and ICT with the Government of Romania. This will ultimately lead to "good practice" exchange and the building of a sustainable partnership and is an important tool to launch co-operation in S&T in both countries.
Dr R M Adam, Dr V Munsami, Mr M Muofhe	Attend the 2nd Joint Co-ordination Committee (JCC) Meeting of the South Africa-Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) co-operation.	Reviewing progress on the implementation of the Agreement, exploring the possibility of new areas of co-operation and financial reporting.
P Maruping, Mr N Nyide, K Klose	DST delegation to visit Russia as part of the planning for the Sumbandila Launch.	Construction of SUMBANDILASAT is completed and the satellite will be under-going environmental testing during the month of October at Institute of Satellite and Software Applications (ISSA). Satellite shipped to Russia and launch window set for Dec'06. Detailed planning & preparation to ensure launch event goes smoothly. SA Embassy: Russia to assist with Launch. Logistical requirements. Meet launching agency, Mekeyev to agree on launch venue; media accredit; side visits for SA delegation; and other logistical arrangements associated with the launch.
Mr D M Moagi, Mr F Mpanza	Exploratory visit to Rwanda.	Rwanda could be an ideal country to engage in relation to the application of scientific research, technology and innovation in post-conflict reconstruction and development.
F Mpanza	Attending the SA-Rwanda Joint Commission for Co-operation (JCC).	This was an initiative of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) arranged the visit of the South Africa/Rwanda Joint Commission for co-operation (JCC) and advised strongly that the DST be presented. This afforded the DST with an opportunity to deliberate among other issues, the proposed Seminar on Science and Technology co-operation between South Africa and Rwanda that will take place in South Africa in October 2006.
Deputy Minister D A Hanekom, L N W Lusenga, H Roos	Attend the third meeting of the Bureau of the African Ministerial Council on Science and Technology — Zimbabwe.	The first SADC Ministerial meeting took place during November-December 2005 in Mozambique and the aim of the meeting was to discuss issues related to Science and Technology in the region and to come up with a regional mechanism of implementing the NEPAD Plan of Action. The "Declaration for Science and Technology in the Southern Africa Region" had also been adopted. The second meeting aim was to discuss the formulation of a SADC Protocol for Science and Technology that together with the first document will assist tremendously with co-operation and the developing on science in the region. SA also reported on the Innovation Study for the SADC and the SA Science and Technology Portal.

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D P Naidoo, N Seetal, K M Mphahlele	Invitation by the African Mathematical Union Commission on Pan African Mathematics Olympiads. Fifth Symposium on Training and Research on Pan African Mathematics Olympiad (PAMO 2006).	The goal of AUSAC 2006 is to formulate a collaborative research agenda in mathematics education that will involve re-search teams from the US & Africa in targeted studies. Opportunity used to share with and seek inputs into efforts to re-view mathematics research & teaching in SA. Obtain a holistic understanding of the workings of Pan African Mathematics Olympiad and to bring back lessons on key issues that may help improve mathematics research and education and training in SA.
Mr N Nyide	Attend the 9th international conference on Public Communication of Science and Technology (PCST).	The conference is going to provide the opportunity to network and to build relationships with other science communicators who may be encountering similar experiences in the course of their work.
Dr B Marais (NACD) present paper at the workshop on public funded R&D Evaluation	88th Session of the Committee of Scientific and Technological Policy (CSTP) of the Organisation of Economic Co-op and Dev (OECD)	With its observer status the SA DST participates in all aspects & working groups related to the work of OECD CSTP. The added value of SA's participate was recognised when the country was requested to chair the Working Group response to draft OECD Declaration, endorsed at CSTP Min Ming January 2004.
Dr O L Njamela	Participation in the extraordinary governing board meeting of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF).	SA has voting rights on the GBIF Governing Board. The purpose of the extraordinary meeting of the GBIF Board was to negotiate the new financial scale and budget as well as a funding mechanism for GBIF. Due to the abovementioned and also the fact that the resolution reached would determine if GBIF should continue and if at what level of activity, SA had to be presented at the GBIF Board Meeting.
Mr C Mokonoto	To represent the Department of Science and Technology at the Second Seville seminar on Future-oriented Technology Analysis (FTA).	The 2006 seminar will focus on the "Impact of FTA approaches on policy and decision making."
A L Morgan	Attending e-Challenges, e-2006 Conference	The theme of the conference was that of bridging the Digital Divide by sharing knowledge, experience, lessons learnt and good practice, but also focusing on Networked Business, e-Government and e-Democracy, Technology Enhanced Learning, Collaborative Working Environments, e-Health, Knowledge Management, Smart and Virtual Organisations and International IST Collaboration, all of which is of strategic importance for SA. It also afforded SA through an exhibition to market SA science and technology excellence in areas of IST and to promote opportunities for participation in the EU FP7 programme.
S Mpele	Attend the International Conference on Science & Technology Policy Research and Statistical Indicators.	Deliberate upon current trends and emerging perspectives on science and technology policy and implementation in the context of globalisation.

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Deputy Minister D A Hanekom, R Holden, Dr P Hanekom	Attendance of the 2006 World Water Week Seminar.	The main aims of the seminar were: The promotion of the vital role of sustainable sanitation to deliver nutrients to secure food production and conservation of water and the diagnosis of ecological potentials to plan sustainable habitations for the next generations. In water scarce developing country such as SA, dry ecological sanitation coupled with grey water recycling, holds great potential as a sustainable sanitation system in contrast to waterborne sewage, which requires water and a well functioning municipality to operate sustainable. SA therefore stood to benefit from the seminar on existing technologies and future envisaged technologies for application in SA. The seminar also afforded SA to bring its own experiences and technologies addressing some of the issues in this respect.
Dr P Mjwara, Dr B Sechlopolo, Mr M Moulhe	Attendance of the fifth session of the GEO executive committee.	SA is member of Executive Committee and 1 of the 4 Co-chairs of the GEO. Ensure successful implement of 2006 GEO Work Plan. Process & ratify planned activities for the year.
Dr Y Seleti, Mr T Suchanandan	To attend the 9th Meeting of Intergovernmental Committee of World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)	To provide a platform to the 183 parties to the Committee, including South Africa to review progress in the development of an international regime on the protection of traditional knowledge, expression of culture/folklore and genetic resources.
Mr M Moulhe	The 9th session of the United Nations Commission for Science and Technology (UNCSTD) — Switzerland.	The DST acquired information on the extent of the current technology gap between and within nations, drew on policy lessons from countries that have successfully moved up the technological ladder and the policy frameworks employed to build up technological capabilities.
Deputy Minister D A Hanekom, N Moolla	Attending the Seed Initiative Annual Board Meeting.	The Deputy Minister has been appointed as a Non-Executive Member of the Seed Initiative Board. Other members of the board include the World Conservation Union (IUCN), United Nations Environmental Programme, United Nations Development Programmes, the governments of Germany, United States as well as the Swiss. Thus South Africa is now officially on an important board and as a large proportion of European Countries (SA's major partners in the EU in respect of S&T collaboration and investment) definitely has future potential for investment in S&T in SA.
D du Toit, L Manyuchi, Prof T Harms (SANERI)	Attendance of Group on Earth Observation Meetings (GEO) — Expert Meeting on Energy Management and GEO Sub-Committee Co-Chairs Meeting.	One of the main benefits derived from the Work Plan of the GEO is "Improving the Management of Energy Resources an area that SA can also benefit from as well as contributing. The GEO has requested experts from SA to attend and contribute to the meeting. SA Experts will play a pivotal role in the discussions by highlighting issues facing developing countries and providing input to ensure that products that are derived from GEO activities meet the needs of developing countries.

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Dr P Mjwara, M Moolie	Attend the GEO Executive Committee Meeting.	Evaluate progress on the implementation of the 2006 Work Plan and to prepare for the annual Plenary meeting to be held in November 2006.
IE Panel	Participate in the informal consultations among Parties on issues relating to the development and transfer of technologies under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	The Department of Science and Technology has been a crucial member of the delegation to these sessions and are responsible for leading the negotiations in the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA).
Dr Y Selen	To participate in the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR).	A wide range of indigenous musicians, song writers, actors, and other performing artists have expressed concern that the treaty would subordinate their rights to the new broadcasters' rights.
Mr A Suchanandan	To Participate in the Forty-Second Series of Assemblies of the Member States of World Intellectual Property Rights Organisation (WIPO).	Mr Suchanandan will use this occasion to consolidate the National Indigenous Knowledge Systems Office's (NIKSO) working relationship on a number of proposed joint projects with the Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Expression of Folklore components of WIPO.
Mr M Moleka, Mr M Muthu, Dr P M Mjwara	Attending the Group on Earth Observation (GEO) Expo to review progress on the implementation of recommendations of the GEO III Plenary.	Reviewing progress on the implementation of the Agreement, exploring the possibility of new areas of co-operation and financial reporting.
Minister M A Mngeni, G P Mkhoyi	Ministerial visit to United Kingdom — SA Day in London.	The Minister was invited as a Key Note Speaker during the SA Day held in London.
C Masoka	Attendance of SA-UK Bilateral Forum	SA had very recent and successful discussions in the United Kingdom in January 2008 and it with the attendance of the SA-UK Bilateral Forum had the opportunity to follow up on the SA Day, with the aim of achieving new outcomes and not to lose momentum in the relationship with the United Kingdom. Follow up discussions also took place with the Department for International Development who has indicated their interest in possible co-operation on an HIV/AIDS Study in the science and technology sector and the South African Malaria Initiative for Africa. Interest also exist in bilateral co-operation on plant genetic conservation and utilization and the establishment of incubators and technology startups with Lesotho and the regional co-operation for training support for science and technology policy development in the SADC. All of the above is of critical importance and everything possible should be done by the DST to bring it to fruition.

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Dr P M Mjwara	Participate in the Extremely Large Optical (ELT) / Square Kilo Array (SKA) Mtng	International SKA task group is working on Sc case for design of Phase 1 of SKA. To further strengthen SA's position in winning SKA bid, Dec'06
Dr G Moodley, Dr J Stewart	Attend the Atlas International Conference to be held in the Institution of Engineering & Technology.	The launch of the findings of the 18-month study of science and innovation in China, India and South Korea, with a focus on new opportunities for collaboration with the UK and Europe.
F Denner (DTI), P Haupt (CSIR), Dr P M Mjwara, Dr B Sehlapelo	Visit to Boeing's Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre in Sheffield & Visit to EADS Astrium, Toulouse, France.	Visit to Boeing's Advanced Manufacturing Research Center: Boeing has expressed intent, through the DTI, to consider investments in SA in partnerships similar to what resulted in the Advanced Manufacturing Research Center in Sheffield (The DST with this visit gained first hand insights into the partnership model, which lead to the establishment of the Sheffield Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre, and identified opportunities with partners (DTI, DST and CSIR) and Boeing for a possible similar approach in SA. The meeting with EADS Astrium in satellite technology concentrated on space programmes in general. The visit was also used to familiarise the DST with the research and development activities and set-up of this multi-national related to space technologies.
P Sitetyana; Dr B Mehloakulu, Dr S Khan; Dr M Mathe; Prof N Louw (CSIR)	Led delegation to attend the United States of America National Hydrogen Association's Annual Hydrogen Conf & EXPO	In 2005, Cabinet approved DST's proposal to investigate dev related to Hydrogen & Fuel Cell technology. The opportunity presented by NHA Conf as a one stop shop for latest technology displayed & disc under one roof hosts is important for SA initiatives. The conference program covers a wide range of issues ranging from an analysis of international policy in transportation and non-transportation application of hydrogen, hydrogen storage strategy & hydrogen safety. The Expo will expose participants to various intern demo programmes. All these topics are relatable to SA efforts and these exposures will refine the planning process for both the R&D program & possible demonstration programmes. DST will host a side to discover SA's nascent efforts on Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology.
M Malapane, M Mashele	Attendance of the International Consortium on Government Financial Management (ICGFM).	Attendance of this conference equipped the participant with the latest international best practices on Government Financial Management practices and principals.
Mr AP Pedlar, Dr A Lucen	To attend the International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN) conference on performance and accountability: Making the Match.	The lessons gleaned from this conference will equip DST officials to execute their responsibilities in the governance of the science system more effectively. This will also assist with the implementation of the new Strategic Management Model.

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S Manzini	Participation in the Hemispheric Summit on Science, Technology & Research for Africa's Development.	The Conference among other opportunities afforded the participants with networking opportunities between scientists, university, the private sector and civil society that have an interest in supporting African initiatives in scientific research and development and provide opportunities to learn how they can support the African Union initiatives on Science and Technology, and assist in transforming Africa from a net exporter of primary products to one that exports finished products.
G Loots	Participation in a Roundtable Discussion at the International Aids Vaccine Initiative.	Discussion on how the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) can more effectively engage developing countries as partners to accelerate the research and development of an AIDS vaccine. This is an immense strategic importance for SA and the continent as a whole..
Mr K Sishuba and Mr M Mashele	Attend the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Executive Education Programme.	The programme assisted the participants with the relevant knowledge that directly impacted on their responsibilities. Aspects that were covered were technology and development trends, innovation systems, infrastructure, business and development, technology and sustainability and science and technology advice. One of the participants attended the programme as part of his capacity development as a new manager in the international division of the DST and the other participant is responsible for the motivation of and allocation of resources within the DST.
Deputy Minister D A D Hanekom, DP Naidoo, A Morgan, N Maoela	Attendance of the Global Forum on Building Science, Technology, and Innovation Capacity for Sustainable Growth and Poverty Reduction at the World Bank.	The forum focused on building STI capacity building to reduce poverty, adding value to natural resource export through STI capacity building, latecomer strategies for technology upgrading, catching up and promoting industrial innovation and the role of R&D in the development process. To a large extent the above-mentioned is applicable to SA.
G Tiro	Preparation meeting, 2nd SADCIKs Policy Development Conference	To provide a platform to communities and corporations, Non Government Organisations and Governments to engage in IKS policy development processes and also to seek the best balance between the protection and use of Indigenous Knowledge.
B Durham	Attendance of the SANBIO Steering Committee	The SANBio Steering Committee dealt with the Regional Flagship Project: "Scientific Validation of Traditional Medicines for the Affordable Treatments for HIV/AIDS and Opportunistic Infections". The topic of the Steering Committee Meeting is very relevant to SA and the continent and all possible avenues and information needs to be gathered/assessed and where viable implemented in addressing this issue.
Dr Y Seleti, Mr T Suchanandan, Ms G Tiro, Ms T Duiker, Ms A Makua, Ms K Jevan	Attendance of 2nd SADC Indigenous Knowledge Systems Workshop on Policy Development and Regional Co-operation	To provide a platform to communities and corporations, Non Government Organisations and Governments to engage in IKS policy development processes and also to seek the best balance between the protection and use of Indigenous Knowledge.

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Minister M.A. Magera, Ms E. Gavan, Ms L. Eusebio, Ms P. Maguire	Attend the Ministerial Conference of SADC Ministers responsible for Science and Technology.	The CST reported on the Innovation Study for the SADC and the Southern Africa Science and Technology Portal (Making information on Science and Technology available to the SADC region). The formulation of a SADC Protocol for Science and Technology was also discussed.

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P. Nkomo	Attending a Science and Technology Symposium on Poverty Alleviation (Algeria).	The CST had the opportunity to present a number of papers at the symposium, eg experience on Small Scale Mining, sharing of experiences within the Agricultural Research Council on Poverty Reduction Programmes, some of the best practices to fight poverty by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, geological experiences and expertise of SA Universities in fighting poverty and methods and techniques of dealing with poverty around Africa through ICS. As a result the SA delegation contributed a significant amount of knowledge and expertise to assist the African continent.
Minister M.A. Magera, GP Ndlovu, Dr C. Schaffer, B. Mkhize, D. Muzarisi, Dr A. Msimang, D. Wilken, R. Rodgers	A visit to strengthen bilateral co-operation and to develop further partnerships with various countries through engaging in Ministerial Visits and Visitation.	Established networks among SA and Argentine researchers and to give them the opportunity to have detailed discussions on each priority area.
B. Durrant, Dr M. Mokoale	Fact finding mission to Argentina.	This fact finding mission would reduce the South-South dialogue on Biosafety issues, facilitate the exchange of research information and expertise on managing a comprehensive Biosafety regulatory framework and ultimately strengthen the South African regulatory framework.
N. Nkomo, C. Agwama	Attend the World Conference of Science Journalists (WCSJ).	Learn how to research and write science stories to the highest industry standards.
Dr C. Schaffer, Representatives from the SADC MINTEK and ASSAF	Technical visit to Buenos Aires.	Discussions took place to identify areas of co-operation and working modalities for inclusion in the Programme of Co-operation, enhancing and strengthening the co-operation between the two countries and the arrangement of the visit for the next Joint Commission.

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1 November	Inaugural session of Inter-governmental Committee on Trade and Economic Co-operation (ICEC).	The Science and Technology Agreement between South Africa and Belarus were signed in 2002 and co-operation between the two countries is progressing well, especially in the areas of Laser Technology and Minerals Processing. The attendance of the ICEC reinforced the DST in forming scientific and technological relations between the two countries on the platform of ICEC. Belarus is also a country with technical, technological and scientific research expertise from which South Africa can benefit enormously in a successful collaboration and enhanced investment climate in both countries.
3 January 7 February	Attendance of the meeting of the Group on Earth Observation (GEO) and the Committee on Earth Observation Satellite (CEOS).	Review of progress on the GEO makes that the committee is responsible for and the finalisation of the report of the committee is to be presented at the GEO plenary in November 2007.
Dr T Seckie	Attendance of the Economic Co-operation and Development Meeting of the Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy.	The Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy (CSTP) approved the creation of a Working Party on Nanotechnology at a meeting (21 March – 27 March 2007). This led to countries submitting proposals at the meeting of 8 and 9 May 2007. SA has taken the lead in the project "Nanotechnology Research and the Opportunities for International Co-operation". During the current meeting SA presented its proposal to the meeting. SA will participate in the development of a work programme for the next two years.
Dr Ndlovu, M Jhumra, A Chacha, K Schemm, C van der, Dr S Furutani, Dr van der, Dr Willems, J Erasmus, P Masingane, P Thoma, NSF representative	SA-EU Science and Technology Joint Commission Meeting and SA-European Union Joint Science and Technology Co-operation Committee (SA-EU STCC).	Specific focus on S&T therefore DST's participation requested by EU SA Ambassador. South African Agreement between SA and Gov of Finland since 1995, engaged in high level discussions on SA-EU science co-operation. Discussion on progress for future S&T Co-operation between SA and EU – focus on Human Capital Development issues. SA Day programme South African S&T activities in EU.
Dr P Mavura, Mr D Ndlovu, Ms M Mavurisa, Dr M Mavurisa, Ms G Mavurisa, Mr E Loring, NSF, Mr R Smith, NSF, Mr J Brown, NSF	Attend the G7 Science & Technology Ministerial meeting.	To share knowledge, experience and best practices and to propose strategies that will empower developing countries to enhance science and technology as tools for social and economic development.
M Maseko	Attendance of a workshop "Comparative Study of the National Innovation Systems of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa".	Learning from other countries National Systems of Innovation and where it can have a positive impact on SA's NSF to implement them.

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Mr D Naidoo, Mr KG Sishuba, Ms A Canca	Attend the SA week in Brussels.	Advancement of our bilateral S&T relations.
Dr C Scheffer, Ms A Nwendamutswu	Annual Consultations in Canada.	Following on the 3rd Annual Consultation (AC) that took place in SA during May 2006, and in terms of the Joint Declaration of Intent, which was signed in November 2003 during a State Visit of the President to Canada, SA was obliged to participate in the 4th AC in Canada. The AC is aimed at reviewing the current state of relations in all spheres, to identify priorities and common ground and to develop a road map for 2008. The DST delegation engaged amongst other things in a follow up on the research chairs and other HCD initiatives, exploration of bilateral collaboration in the areas of Nanotechnology, Paleontology and Regional initiatives such as fore-sighting and the aspect of co-operation between Association of Canadian Colleges and Universities and Higher Education South Africa (HESA). The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) was also explored as a possible resource.
Ms G Tiro	To attend the Ad Hoc Open-ended working group on access and benefit sharing (ABS) and Article 8(j) and related provision of the convention of Biological diversity (CBD).	To ensure the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in decision-making and policy planning.
Dr V Msimang	Participation in the Hydro-Electric study tour.	The study tour is among others intended to explore useful lessons on the division of labor between the SOE and government in the successful design and implementation of Canada's sustainable hydropower plant industrial base strategies.
Teachers: MF Pabale, FM Selahle, T Ndlovu, Z Arytey, A Magwaza, K Molaoa	Attendance of the International Teachers' Workshop on Modern Physics.	The main benefit was the sharing of best practices in the teaching of science learners, where learners are exposed to a number of career education programmes aimed at nurturing talent and potential in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.
Mr B Durham, Dr H Basetse	To Attend the Global forum for Health Research.	They will be looking at some of the challenges of working in inter-institutional partnerships, both at the national and international levels.
Dr H Borraine	Attendance of the Foundation Conference for the International Data Forum.	The aim of the conference was to provide mechanisms through which data needs for future cross-national collaborative research on social scientific issues can be identified and prioritised and also to co-ordinate efforts by national research funding agencies and statistical authorities to make data more widely available for research purposes. Dr Borraine is in the unique position due to her strong background in Statistics as a scientific discipline, proven expertise in the collection, verification, analysis, interpretation and reporting on large datasets to make a significant contribution in this field and to represent SA.

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Dr S Barotseng	To attend the International Energy Agency and International Partnership for the Hydrogen Economy Conference: Building the Hydrogen Economy: Enabling Infrastructure Development.	The IEA/EPHE conference is a platform for opportunity for the DST to interact with international stakeholders and this deepens our understanding of the requirements for hydrogen economy development. Furthermore the conference offers opportunities for the DST to strengthen the partnerships with international role players in the hydrogen economy industry in order to maximise benefits from the collaboration.
One representative of SAASTA — either Dr S Mataru or Dr I Nkomo	16th Beijing Science and Technology Week	Declaration on Educ for All in 1990 & adoption of Global Agenda to encourage all Governm to reform sc & tech educ for benefit of all in 1993, put the promotion of sc & tech literacy on intern map. China with 12 yrs exp. is one of emergy econom SA can draw lessons from in conduct science aware-ness campaigns with greater reach. Grt benefit to SA — learn 1st hand implementation of Beijing science awareness campaigns, interventions to identify and nurture talent & potential among youth, and use of science centres and museums to implement these projects.
Ms P Mkhala Mr D Nkomo	To participate at the ENC and meet with our Chinese counterparts.	The visit will also offer an opportunity to plan for the Joint Committee meeting in S&T as well as the intended 2008 celebrations to mark ten years of diplomatic relations which have led to fruitful co-operation between the two countries.
LP Khumalo	Attending the building Global value chain around green grassroots innovations and traditional knowledge conference	The Programme Social and Economic Partnership of the DST are working on the establishment of the Public Benefit Foundation, which will drive the development of innovation to and from communities. This conference will help DST to link and get first hand experience from other developing countries as to what has worked in transferring technologies for Social Impact. The learning would be crucial in the development of the Public Benefit Foundation as well as learning on other countries best practices.
Deputy Minister D A Humezani H Roca	Accompanying the Deputy President on official visit to China.	The Deputy Minister represented the Minister at the South Africa — People's Republic of China Binational Commission.
Minister M A Mangena, Ms G Mkhize, Dr PM Mjwara, Ms E Mkhize, Dr E Sethebe, Dr E Makhankhulu, Ms N Mkhize, Dr M Mkhize, Mr L Chona, Mr C Zinn	Ministerial visit to Cuba.	Visit to Cuba on invitation of Dr G Bermudez, Minister of Science, Technology and Environment in Cuba, combined with a technical visit which will cover Biotechnology, ICT and New Materials.

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Dr B Sehlapelo, NRF and CSIR representatives	Attendance of a meeting of the Committee of Plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) Member States & Part of the National Research Foundation (NRF) in respect of Human Resources and R&D Outcomes.	SA through the DST is a member of and contributes financially to the JINR and Dr B Sehlapelo is a member of the Committee of Plenipotentiaries and as such has to attend these settings. In the USA the delegation led by the NRF targeted high level interaction with specific institutions (KPMG Foundation, The PhD Project, Rutgers University, American Museum of National History, Emory University, et cetera) that could assist the South African science system to train more graduate researchers especially at a PhD level.
Mr D Naidoo, Mr M Muofhe, Dr B Mehlomakulu, Ms L du Toit, Mr J Eksteen, Dr E Lottering, Ms K Jevan	Invited by Co-operation Framework on Innovation Systems between Finland and South Africa (COFISA) to visit Finland.	The members of the delegation gained valuable knowledge regarding models for science parks as the working visit included exposure to the key role-players in the development of regional systems of innovation to the Finnish model of science parks. Four science parks were also visited as well as the cities that are the owners of these parks.
Mr D P Naidoo, Mr M Muofhe, Dr B Mehlomakulu, Ms L du Toit, Mr J Eksteen, Dr E Lottering, Ms K Jevan, Dr N Mohomed, P Sitetyana, M Muofhe	Will be the key support on the BIOFISA, SAFIPA and COFISA issues and he will coordinate an ESASTAP SA-FIN workshop.	To explore with the main players in the Finnish Innovations System opportunities in shaping the thinking around the establishment of the South African Technological Innovation Agency (TIA), and possible co-operation in reinforcing South Africa's ambition to be the leading third country beneficiary of the European Union Framework Programme 7. To expose key role-players in the development of regional systems of innovation to the Finnish model of science parks.
D P Naidoo, M Muofhe	Attendance of the SA-Finland Bilateral Consultations Scheduled in Helsinki Finland and the European Business and innovation Centers Network Conference in Canterbury, UK.	To engage with key agencies in Finland including Tekes, Tekel and Sitra to further develop the South African Foundation for Technological Innovation (FTI) project.
Dr M Molefe, Mr B Durham	To attend the relevant meetings of the Working Party of Biotechnology (WPB) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).	To participate in these meetings and benefit from them through the ongoing discussions and through sharing our policy briefs and learning from other countries.
HA Modau	Attendance of an executive Space course at the international space university.	Knowledge and understanding of Space policy and organisation of the space sector, Astrodynamics, space transportation system, space environment, Fundamentals of space propulsion, space system design.

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C Mokonto	Participation in the Organisation of Economic and Co-operation Development (OECD) Revision of the OSLO Manual Workshop — National Experts on Science and Technology (NESTI) Meeting.	The DST launched the Innovation Survey Results and will certainly benefit on taking forward the work on interpretation the results of the Survey for policy making and decision making.
Dr J Stewart, Mr S Mpele	Attend the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) working group on innovation policy and technology (TIP) meeting.	Provide an independent and comparative assessment of South Africa's National System of Innovation.
Ms M R C Mabusela, Dr J Stewart	To attend the 90th session of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) committee for Scientific and Technological Policy (CSIP).	At the CSTP meeting a range of topics will be discussed which will enable South African delegates to identify areas of potential support and joint collaboration
Mr S Ratsatsi, Manager DST: Innovation Priorities & Instruments & Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Technologies	Attend Second workshop on "Building the Hydrogen Economy: An Infrastructure Strategy", organised by the International Partnership for the Hydrogen (IPHE) Steering Committee and the International Energy Agency (IEA)	Dr Mehloimakulu to present a paper on the recently Cabinet approved SA Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Technologies Strategy. Mr Ratsatsi also to present a paper at UNIDO organised w/shop Titled: Hydro & Fuel Cell Technology Strategy — a SA Perspective which will broadly outline interest of SA in Hydro Economy space in line with Cabinet approved Hydro & Fuel Cell Technology Strategy; and obtains first hand knowledge of co-funding opportunities and collaboration with other developing countries and experts. Given SA's interest in showcasing Hydro & Fuel Cell Technology for 2010 Football World Cup, opportunities for funding presented by UNIDO-ICHET funding should be explored and the workshop presents an excellent opportunity for presenting SA's agenda.
F Mpanza	Exploratory visit to establish Science and Technology relations	Investigating science and technology situation in Gabon and the establishment of possible future science and technology co-operation.
Dr P M Mjwara, Mr M Maleka	Attend the 9th session of the Group on Earth Observation (GEO) Executive Meeting	Co-chair of GEO, SA is expected to participate in the mtng. Consider progress in preparation of Ministerial Summit in November 2007, CPT. SA play central role in preparation of the Summit.

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I E Patel	Participate in the twenty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Bodies, Dialogue and Ad-Hoc Working Group Meetings on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.	To Address Climate Change by Enhancing Implementation of the Convention, as one of the themes to be discussed at this workshop is "Realising the Full Potential of Technology".
N Mahomed	Visit to Airbus and Fraunhofer.	AIRBUS: To introduce the new liaison structure to Airbus, to discuss and understand the technical objectives of the current co-operation project, and ensuing financial implications, and to establish a broader strategic framework of co-operation, linking SA institutions and companies to Airbus research and technology opportunities. FRAUNHOFER: The articulation of a broader framework for advanced production technologies (and its link to the aerospace industry), so as to open opportunities in areas in line with South African interests, establishment of terms of reference for the development of a more comprehensive plan for "SA-German Initiative on Advanced Manufacturing and the negotiation towards the possible exchange programme between SA and German researchers.
Mr K Sishuba, Ms E Mabuza, Dr B Mehloakulu, Mr J Eksteen, Ms K Jevan	Attend the launch and official opening of the Science Tunnel.	To strengthen bilateral co-operation, cement and deepen science and technology co-operative partnerships.
Ms A Canca, Mr J Tshikomba	To attend the annual conference on Globalisation and to hold follow up meetings with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, the Max Planck Society and the German Research Foundation (DFG) to capitalise on the Minister's recent visit and explore opportunities to add substance to the human capital discussions for possible implementation.	Explore modalities for collaboration on the further implementation of the South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) and the possible implementation of the International Visiting Research Chairs Initiative. Explore possibilities of expanding the bursary fund offered by the Germans at the Science Tunnel launch.

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Minister M A Mangena, K Jevan, K Sishuba, E N Mabuza, Mr Eksteen (Meraka Institute), D P Naidoo, Mr Muofhe, L du Toit, Dr Lonnering (NRF), Dr Mahomed, Ms Sitenyana	Official travel mission to strengthen bilateral co-operation, cement and deepen science & technology co-operative partnerships	Germany: Dr Mehlomakulu will be advancing relations in government to government systems and redevelopment of co-op links in the field of Hydrogen Economy, fuel cells. Finland: Purpose is to explore with main players in Finnish Innovation System opportunities in shaping the thinking around the establishment of SA Technology Innovation Agency (TIA), and possible co-operating in reinforcing SA's ambition to be the leading 3rd country beneficiary of EU FP7. All the Nordic Group countries are considering replacing their bilateral official development assistance programmes with regional programmes, critical for DST to engage proactively in discussing and ensuring a harmonised approach in S&T co-operation.
Mr K Sishuba, Ms E Mabuza, Dr B Mehlomakulu, Mr J Eksteen, Ms K Jevan	Attend the launch and official opening of the Science Tunnel.	To strengthen bilateral co-operation, cement and deepen science and technology co-operative partnerships.
Dr P M Mjwara, Science & Tech Representative based in Brussels, D du Toit	Attend 4th European Conf on Research Infrastructures/A meeting at Heriot Watt University	EU: To look at impact of research infrastructure on advancement in knowledge and technology and how it is bringing together a wide diversity of share holders for solutions to many problems society face globally today. UK, HWU: Learn more about Scottish university. Aim at enriching our Research and Development Strategy Implementation process, to establish the Technology Innovation Agency (TIA).
J J Molapisi	Attend the IBSA India, Brazil South Africa discussions on Nanotechnology (India).	The main benefit was the conclusion of the discussion on collaboration in Nano-science and technology and the consolidation of projects identified in Brazil during November 2006 for joint development in Nanotechnology by the three countries, thereby ensuring that the research projects are finalised.
B Archary	Attendance of the 30th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM)	SA has been one of the original signatories to the Antarctic Treaty and as such also has voting rights at the ATCM. The DST is responsible for the research component of the South African National Antarctic Programme (SANAP). Benefits arising from the event were discussions on the International Polar Year (IPY) 2007-2009, Science Issues (Particularly scientific co-operation and facilitation, educational issues, and, the exchange of information). Taking further into consideration that the Treaty deals with the scientific significance of the Polar Regions and defining the parameters for conducting research in Antarctica and surrounding islands, and the global ramifications on the environment in a global sense it is of the utmost importance that SA is actively involved in all matters relating to it.

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Minister M A Mangena, K Jevan, D du Toit, and M Makwarela	Attended UNESCO: G8 World Forum on Education, Innovation and Research: New Partnership for Sustainable Development.	The G8 countries encouraged the Italian Government to organise in co-operation with UNESCO, a Forum on Education, Innovation and Research. Discussions during the Forum pertained to the interconnections among the three elements of creativity namely, education, scientific research and technical innovation and on Science and Technology co-operation with Africa. This is very important to the continent and needs to be supported at present, but also with a longer term view. The Minister also presented a speech on "Research and Innovation: The Role of Government" and will meet the Director-General of the European Space Agency and the European Union Commissioner.
P Maruping, Mr Motswasele (CSIR)	Attend CEOS implementation Task Force & Strategic Implementation Team (SIT) meeting, Frascati	CEOS: Ms Maruping nominated by CSIR as SA's principal to take over the chairing of CEOS, Nov'07. In prep for this role, the incoming chair participates in major meetings as part of troika during the year preceding the chairing.
Deputy Minister D A Hanekom, A M Makwarela	Participation in an Information/Press Conference on the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB).	Presentation by the Deputy Minister on the Cape Town Component of the (ICGEB). Sharing of SA experiences in the field as SA definitely is strong in this S&T area.
B Archary	Attendance of the 11th Joint Committee on Antarctic Data Management (JCADM).	The JCADM was formed to fulfil the mandate of the Antarctic Treaty, which states that all countries conducting scientific research in and around Antarctica will make it freely available to all participating nations. SA's principal issue at hand at JCADM is with regard to the establishment of the local JC node (SA Antarctic Data Management Center (SAADMC)). The 11th JCAD meeting present the following strategic advances for the development of SAADMC: Highlighting SA's participation in this initiative and gaining valuable advice and partners from countries that have already established JCADM nodes; JCADM members are willing to give their software free of charge and this will drastically reduce development costs for the SA node; and potential international funding which may be tapped into for the development of the local node.
Deputy Minister D A Hanekom	Attendance of the 33rd Meeting of the Carnegie Group.	The main focus of the meeting was on large-scale infrastructure, energy and climate research and on scientific co-operation with Africa. One of the key issues that SA promoted during the meeting was the International Centre for Genetic and Biotechnology (ICGEB) component that will be launched at the UCT in Cape Town. The visit also included visiting the ICGEB Headquarters in Trieste on invitation of the Director-General of the ICGEB.
Minister M A Mangena, K Jevan	Participation in the science and technology in society (STS) forum.	Future International Co-operation in Science Technology and Innovation.

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Mr T Mathe, Mr S Mpele	National Institute of Science and Technology Policy (NISTEP) fellowship on technology foresight spring course.	Participants are expected to make presentations on S&T Policy in their counties and/or their own research activities at the end of the course.
D P Naidoo, M Cele, C Masoka; M Cele. All Gov Dept, Science Councils, Private Sector Institutions and State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) will fund their participation in the technology visit	Lead technology delegation on conclusion of partnerships with Japanese counterparts. Visit TLO office. Attendance of the Joint Initiative on Priority Skills Acquisition (JIPSA) Initiatives Meeting.	Co-chair w/shop betw SA Sc Councils & Japanese Res Institutions. S&T Attaché follow-up activities and offers from Japan and sustainable relations for benefit of SA Institutions. Compile program reports on Japan engagements to the Deputy President's Office. Negotiation of the Partnership Package and the South Africa Response Package. Science Councils will engage in workshops with Japan Research Institutes and the Government Departments will have their bilateral meetings which will culminate in the SA-JAPAN JIPSA plenary meeting that will acknowledge progress, identify blockages/constraints and suggest solutions, and agree on a way forward.
M P Selematsela, Prof A Dhali (WITS University)	Attendance of the Fourteenth Session of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO.	Participation in the meeting enabled SA to be informed about the debate on bioethics, particularly within the African context as an entire day was devoted to the African perspectives of bioethics. The opportunity was also created for SA experts to network with experts from other African countries as well as other developed countries and SA's strategic partners including India, Brazil and China.
Deputy Minister, D A Hanekom, M Mabusela, H Roos	Participation in the Deputy President's delegation to Korea and Ministerial Seminar in respect of Biotechnology (USA).	The purpose of the visit to Korea from an S&T perspective was to: Discuss direct support for SA's skill development strategy for industry, for priority sectors and job creation sectors, particularly ICT and manufacturing, the discussion of bilateral co-operation in Science and Technology and to explore technical co-operation and technology exchange including training in technical fields. The visit to the USA was the discussion of the latest policy developments with a focus on strengths, challenges, recent initiatives to grow R&D and the regulatory climate for biotech products. The Discussions at the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) concentrated on the thematic cluster of issues relating to energy, atmosphere/air pollution, climate change and industrial development.
Mr P S Mokoduwe, Mr B Lesch, Ms G Tiro, Ms C Xulu, Mr S Mukansi, Mr J Airthison, A Moyo, B Kgwadi, K Ramahlape	To participate in the Lesotho National Science and Technology week.	Exhibit, conduct workshops and science show at the event to share the experience with our Lesotho counterparts.

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Minister M A Mangena, G P Makoetjie, A Morgan, V Lingela, G Mazithulela (CSIR) and representatives from the ARC and NRF	Signing of the Bilateral Co-operation Agreement and Technical Visit in Malawi.	Malawi is currently in the UN list of Least Developed Countries (LDC). To graduate from this status Science and Technology can play a critical roll and this process would not only require South Africa to play a central roll in leveraging all available resource to help in the development and strengthening Science and Technology in Malawi.
J J Molapisi	Attendance of a work- shop on Nanotechnology (Malaysia).	The conference was very wide ranging dealing with issues (understanding the impact of Nanotechnology in different industries, unlocking the economic potential of Nanotechnology, identifying new opportunities and promising areas for the commercialisation of Nanotechnology, the various funding sources available, and the conducting of feasibility studies of Nanotechnology ventures/investments) very relevant to the successful implementation of the DST's Nanotechnology strategy.
Dr O L Njamela	Meeting of the African Intergovernmental Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation Indicators	The intergovernmental committee agreed on: specific science, technology and innovation definitions, methodologies and indicators, the designing and adoption of modalities and work plans for the preparation of the African Science, Technology and Innovation Outlook, promotion of sharing of experience and information on national science, technology and innovation surveys, development of a comprehensive African manual for science, technology and innovation indicators and the reviewing of national surveys and proposed common policies for promoting science, technology and innovation activities.
Dr P M Mjwara (DG: DST), Mr M Muofhe, Ms A Morgan, Mr I Maredi, JA Neethling	1st-Africa Conference	1st-Africa proj seek to promote through a series of interventions such as the organisation of w/shops, dev of training modules & identification of best practices, improved ICT research co-operation between Africa & Europe. Project will especially seek to optimally prepare the African ICT research community for the current FP7. Core objective to feed into and supp ICT component of Africa's Consolidated Sc& Tech Plan of Action. (FP7, ESASTAP, 1st-Africa project).
Dr O Njamela	To participate in the 14th Governing Board meeting of the Global Biodiversity information facility.	To make the world's primary data on biodiversity freely and universally available via the internet.
Ms P Maruping	Study towards the Spacetech 2007-08 Post-Graduate masters programme.	The course will provide Ms Maruping with valuable knowledge and skills to support the establishment of the South African Space Agency.

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Minister M A Mangena, K Jevan, Dr C Scheffer, L Ngwenya, S Ratsatsi, Dr E Lottering (NRF), F Hendricks (Cape Biotech)	Attended SA/Norway's 10 Year partnerships.	To reflect on the achievements of Norway and South Africa's science and technology co-operative relations and mapping up the future of the relationship.
D P Naidoo, Mr F Mpanza; Mr T Mudau; Dr C Naidoo; Dr M Maaza; Prof H von Burgmann & Mr R Olivier	89th Meeting of the Committee on Scientific and Technological Policy (CSTP) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	Present a paper on International Mobility of Sc & Tech workers. Table the final rep from OECD team on review of NSI. At CSTP meeting a range of topics were discussed — enabling SA delegation to identify areas of potential support & joint collaboration. SA expected to play major role in Committees Sustainable Development initiative and report on "Access to Research Data" initiative to be taken up locally in SA. Disc FTI proj: program with EU Sect Budget Support for Sc& Tech; and preparing for SA-EU JC meeting late April. Also meet new Head of Intern DG: Research, Ms M Minch.
Mr B Archary only attend GEO Sc & Tech Committee meeting in Brussels	Attend GEO Science & Tech Comm. mtng: Brussels / Attend 2nd Task Force 2 meeting and committee co-chairs meetings: Geneva	GEO: Purpose is to review program on GEO tasks & finalise rep to present at GEO plenary, Nov'07. As indicated in the report, the schedule for the meetings was revised to allow for draft of program report to adv before the task Force meets again.
Mr N Nyide, Ms K Klose	Follow up reconnaissance visit as part of the preparations for the Sumbandila launch event.	The launch date has been revised to coincide with the Russian summer season and arrangements are currently underway to secure the chartering of a cruise ship that would enable a high level SA delegation to witness the launch live on site.
Dr B Sehlapelo, Dr RM Adam (NECSA), Mr M Maleka and a NRF Nominee	To attend the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR), Joint Co-ordination Committee Meeting.	Additional meetings will be arranged to finalise the Winter School project which is to be undertaken by a group of South African students.
Deputy Minister, D A Hanekom, S S Ratsatsi	Accompanying the Deputy Minister as part of a delegation of the Department of Foreign Affairs.	Technical visits to the Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology and technology transfer institutions. The lessons drawn were useful for the developing of the proposed South African Foundation for Technological Innovation that the DST is developing.
Dr V Msimang	To attend the South Africa — South Korea joint workshop for Collaboration in Nuclear Energy.	To strengthen the actual collaborations in the field of nuclear energy.

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Mr M Maleka, Ms A Mlisa	To attend the GEO — Donor Symposium on Capacity Building and the 5th GEO Capacity Building Committee Meeting.	To Launch a strategic partnership with the donor community and to define a road map to guide the way forward for sustainable capacity building in Earth Observation.
Mr N Nyide	Attend the GEO Ministerial task team meetings in preparation for the GEO ministerial commission.	As part of the preparation for the GEO Ministerial meeting a communication task force has been established to develop a communication and outreach strategy for the event.
Dr Y Seleti	To participate in the South African Delegation Attending the 11th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee of World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).	The aim of the session is to provide a platform for the 183 parties, including South Africa to review progress in the development of an international regime on the protection of traditional knowledge, cultural expressions/folklore and genetic resources.
Mr N Nyide	To attend the GEO Ministerial Communication task force meeting in preparation for the GEO ministerial to take place in South Africa.	Finalising the preparation for the GEO meeting to take place in November 2007 in South Africa.
Mr A Suchanandan	To join the South African Government Delegation and participate at the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).	To develop Department of Science and Technology (DST) capacity that will enable it to derive maximum benefit out of international treaties and to negotiate effectively in other Intellectual Property (IP) agreements in the future.
Ms P Maruping, Mr M Maboukano	To attend the fourth meeting of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Science and Technology Committee in Geneva.	Finalising the document "the role of Science and Technology in GEOSS" in time for the GEO meeting to take place in November 2007 in South Africa.
M R C Mabusela	To provide support to the Deputy Minister during the Seed Initiative Board meeting.	Discussions on Seed Future Direction, Seed's financial reports, future Seed partners and the next award ceremony and how that can be linked with other South African poverty alleviation strategies.

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Mr M Maleka, Ms A Mlisa	Attend the 4th Capacity Building Committee Meeting of the Group on Earth Observation (GEO) — Switzerland.	The purpose of the meeting was to consider the progress with respect to the implementation of the capacity building tasks of the GEO Workplan. And the proposed capacity building Symposium to be held in Spain during September 2007 and the GEO Ministerial Summit scheduled for late November in SA. The major benefit, apart from the international exposure is the representation of the developing countries, as there is a general lack of representation in the GEO activities from African Countries.
Mr M Maleka, Dr P M Mjwara	Attend the 9th session of the Group on Earth Observation (GEO EXCO) meeting.	To consider progress in the preparations for the holding of the Ministerial Summit.
Deputy Minister D A Hanekom	Attendance of the "Supporting Entrepreneurs for Sustainable Development (SEED) Initiative Board Meeting.	As a member of the board the Deputy Minister is obliged to attend.
Geneva: Mr M Maleka; Mr M Muofhe. Belarus: Dr C Scheffer; Ms G Zwane; NLC Rep; Mintek rep; ASSAF rep	GEO EXCO, Geneva & 2nd Joint session of Joint Committee between SA & Belarus	Geneva: Review GEO III Plenary. Way forward GEO Ministerial to be held Nov'07 in SA. Approve docs & draft task teams. Belarus: Further disc on Program of Coop (POC). Matter of next JC. Mtngs counterparts & visit relevant institutions in Belarus.
A Canca, C Masoka	2nd Follow-up visit to Tokyo as part of the SA Japan JIPSA Task Force	Since the Japan visit, Jan'07, by SA deleg led by Presidency & DST, a substantial program has been made re: The SA-Japan JIPSA Task Force was constituted; Several organisations joined — such as Eskom, Transnet, DEAT, DPLG, DoT, DPE, the dti, DWAF, and PBMR. Through DST's coordination & leadership, SA dev & submitted a single major proposal to Japan in line with 10 identified collaborative program areas. Follow-up visit will prioritize technology training area, which provides an op-opportunity to secure quick-wins for JIPSA initiative. Given that DST was mandated by Deputy President's Office to co-ordinate SA-Japan JIPSA collaboration, it is proposed that Ms Canca and Mr Masoka form part of SA delegation. They have been centrally involved in driving and ensuring that collaboration becomes successful.
Dr B Mehlomakulu, Mr S Ratsatsi	To accompany Dr Mehlomakulu to the IEA/IPHE workshop and also attend the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) International Centre for Hydrogen Energy Technologies (ICHET) parallel workshop.	Mr Ratsatsi is scheduled to present a paper at the UNIDO organised workshop Titled: Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Technologies Strategy — a South African Perspective which will broadly outline the interests of South Africa in the Hydrogen Economy space in line with the Cabinet approved Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Technologies Strategy; and at the same time he will be able to obtain first hand knowledge of the co-funding opportunities and collaboration with other developing countries and experts.
Mr C Mokonoto	Participate in the 17th meeting of the Global Science Forum (GSF).	This exercise will provide invaluable knowledge as we prepare to craft South Africa's Ten-year infrastructure plan.

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G Loots	Participation in a Roundtable Discussion at the International Aids Vaccine Initiative.	Discussion on how the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) can more effectively engage developing countries as partners to accelerate the research and development of an AIDS vaccine. This is an immense strategic importance for SA and the continent as a whole.
Dr B Mehlo-makulu	Visit Intelligent Energy (IE) in the United Kingdom (UK), discuss possible collaborations with SA on the current Hydrogen & Fuel Cell activities	DST commenced processes in January 2004 that concluded in development of draft Nat Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology Research, Development and Innovation Strategy. The strategy document is in its final review stage and is due for presentation to Cabinet in April 2007 for approval. Dr Mehlo-makulu has been instrumental in shaping & advancement of the strategy, through assistance of renowned international and local "Hydrogen" experts. The IE SA, through Dr S Khan, has been at the forefront of this development & his parent company in UK would like to explore proj p/ships with DST. The Sub-Programmer: Hydrogen & Energy has been in constant engagement with IE that has lead to dev of SA Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Technology Strategy. In 2001, the IE was the 1st international fuel cell company to fully commit to investing and developing a sustainable market in SA within fuel cell industry. Mr I Williamson (Air Products, UK), international advisor, made a verbal commitment to assist SA in building a hydrogen infrastructure. It will concretize a possible roadmap for developing a hydrogen infrastructure in SA.
G Loots	Attendance of the Inaugural Conference: Bridging the Gap in Global Health Innovation.	The main benefit derived from this conference was to obtain more insight into international thinking on the practical application of Health Innovation. This will be essential in formulating the DST's formulation of Centers of Competence within the Health Innovation and Biotechnology sector as well as developing mechanisms that can ensure that departmental investments through the Innovation Fund and the Biotechnology Regional Innovation Centers are geared more towards addressing the health needs of the SA population.
V Lingela	Attend the 16th International Conference on Management of Technology	16th International Conf: Mr Lingela presented a research paper: "An Innovation Management Framework to Improve Nat Competitiveness in Dev Countries". President's Council: It was agreed to facilitate the contribution of the President's Council of Advisors on Sc&Tech in developing of SA's innovation advisory system including, where necessary, the invitation of Members of PCAST to SA, if requested by NACI. This is important — NACI plans to advise Min on "SA System of Providing Science Advice to Government". To dev this advice, NACI will draw on national and international expertise. Nat Academies: Identified several areas of common interest betw Nat Academies & NACI. It was agreed that the Nat Academies have the potential to supp NACI in dev "Recommend to-wards a National Innovation Strategy" and render advice to the Minister on this matter. Council of Competitiveness: Agreed to facilitate the contribution of the Council on Competitive in implement of some of NACI's activities. US State Dept: With the supp of US State Dept's International Fellowship Program & Intern Speakers Program, relevant experts from the President's Council of Advice on Sc&Tech, Nat Academy, Council on Competitive can be invited to SA to contribute to some of NACI's initiatives.

(i)	(ii)	(iii)
MEMBERS OF DELEGATION	NATURE AND PURPOSE	BENEFITS DERIVED
M S L Selepe	Intel ISEF. Government leader's forum during the Educators Academy.	Will contribute to strengthening and improving the achievement of the mandate of the DST's Youth into Science Strategy.
Deputy Minister D A Hanekom, H Roos, M R C Mabusela	15th Session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD 15)	DST's participation is informed by inputs made by different government departments, non-governmental organisations and business community. DST made contributions to the country's CSD position. DST's presence at CSD 15 is crucial for defending SA's position on the 3 thematic issues that will be disc. DST is also co-hosting side event with Dept Environmental Affairs and Tourism and Mineral and Energy.
Ms S M G Zwane	Attend the 2007 International Biotechnology conference.	Improving gaps in information and experience throughout the value-chain with regard to the actual and broad benefits of agricultural biotechnology on the impact of policy and regulatory decisions.
N Y Z Shinga	Attendance of InfoEd's User Group Meeting and visits to universities and research institutions in the USA that use RADIUS and InfoEd systems to report on their R&D Activities — Project to develop a research management information system (RIMS) that will capture data and report on research inputs, outputs and processes of the public research institutions.	The meeting provided the DST with an opportunity to (i) learn and understand data specifications required per module; (ii) define the required infrastructure for the efficient utilisation of the system; and (iii) identify governance, security and maintenance issues that need to be addressed. This enabled the DST with the necessary insight on how to manage the envisaged RIMS. The knowledge and skills acquired from this aided the DST to better execute the designing and installation of the research information management system.
H Mudau, M Moapi	Attendance of Group on Earth Observations User Interface Committee meeting (United States of America).	The primary purpose of the User Interface Committee (UIC) is to address cross-cutting issues in Global Earth Observation system of System (GEOSS) by mobilising and co-ordinating user communities of practice, ensuring continuity and avoiding duplication. DST is responsible for the implementation of the SA Earth Observation Strategy (SAEOS). SAEOS creates a framework for co-ordinating and integrating SA's various existing Earth Observation capacities and systems in order to link them to global complimentary capabilities i.e. GEOSS. The key to a successful implementation of the SA system is interoperability and compatibility among the existing system and databases. The main benefit forth flowing from attendance is knowledge of architecture, data and user requirement matters that will ensure that information in different observation systems are easily accessible and seamlessly available to users. This will also assist in the implementation process of the SAEOS.

(i)	(ii)	(iii)
MEMBERS OF DELEGATION	NATURE AND PURPOSE	BENEFITS DERIVED
P Maruping and CSIR Delegation	Participate in space related meeting in US as part of a CSIR delegation	CSIR Associate member of CEOS since 1998. Attend plenary meeting of CEOS held in London, Nov'05, the CSIR offered to become the "host organisation" of CEOS with effect from November 2007 to November 2008. DST endorsed this offer. Until SA Space Agency is established the CSIR will maintain l/ship of CEOS wit DST's support. CSIR requested Ms Maruping to be principal when they take over the C/person of CEOS. Purpose of other meetings will be to seek collaborative & business opportunity for Satellite Application Center (SAC).
Minister MA Mangena, Dr Y Seleti, Mr A Suchanandan, Ms G Tiro, Mr T Duiker, Ms A Makua, Ms K Jevan	Participate in SADC meeting & IKS workshop.	To conduct an audit of the IKS policy development in the region and to map out the way forward in the harmonisation of the region's policy framework.
P Maruping	Attend the Task Force meetings in preparation of the Group on Earth Observation (GEO) Ministerial	Following the GEO Exec Committee mtng in March'07, it was conf that GEO Min mtng will take place CPT, Nov'07. As part of prep for this mtng, a task force has been established to define the near-term achievement of GEO — date. Report to this task team will form the key input into Min mtng. Ms Maruping was nominated to task force 2 by GEO secret & members.

(2) Yes.

ROUTE FORM**SUBMISSION TO THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

PROGRAMME	1	FILE NO.	4/5/R
SUBJECT	QUESTION 0434-2007 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: MR JPI BLANCHE (DA): HOW MANY OVERSEAS TRIPS WERE TAKEN BY THE DST IN THE LAST THREE YEARS		
ABBREVIATED DESIGNATION SUR-NAME AND INITIALS	ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE		COMMENTS
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M/FA T J van der Walt			
M/SCM B Hlongwane			
CFO Malapane			
Acting GE: CS & Gov D Moagi			
M/DG Office L Mlangeni			

Statistics on crimes committed on school grounds during school hours

1644. Mr E W TRENT (DA) asked the Minister of Safety and Security:

Whether his department keeps statistics of crimes committed at schools during the school terms and during school hours; if not, why not; if so, how many (a) crimes were reported and (b) individuals were prosecuted in the past three years up to the latest specified date for which information is available (i) in each province and (ii) for each category of crime in (aa) primary and (bb) secondary schools? NW2538E

The MINISTER OF SAFETY AND SECURITY:

Different categories of crimes committed at school premises over the past three financial years are captured on the Crime Administration System (CAS) but the figures cannot be

divided into different types of schools or classified according to school hours and terms.

To obtain the information will be time consuming and would necessitate the redeployment of police personnel to verify relevant case dockets.

Zimbabweans applying for refugee status

1682. Dr S-B HUANG (ANC) asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

How many (a) persons from Zimbabwe have applied for refugee status since 1 June 2007 and (b) of these applications were (i) approved and (ii) rejected? NW2585E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

(a) to (b) The table below provides statistics from 1 June 2007 to 30 September 2007.

Month 2007	(a) How many applied	(b)(i) Approved	(b)(ii) Rejected
June	952	0	0
July	1 368	31	77
August	2 332	6	23
September	1 234	18	40
October	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available
Total	5 886	55	140

The huge difference between the applications received and finalised (approved or rejected) are attributed to the following major factor:

Many asylum seekers (including those from Zimbabwe) do not approach the Refugee Reception Offices again after a section 22 permit (which regularise their legal sojourn in the RSA) has been issued. Many asylum seekers (including those from Zimbabwe) also do not report for second interviews with the Refugee Status Determination Officers.

This has led to a situation whereby the department has had a backlog of files which are empty, and do not have information, nor details of the applicants. It should also be

noted that status determination process cannot be concluded without an interview.

Details *re* department's annual report

1738. Mr A J LEON (DA) asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

In respect of the 2006-07 annual report of her department and the annual reports of each statutory and other entity reporting to her, (a) what was the (i) budgeted cost, (ii) actual cost and (iii) unit cost of each annual report and (b) how many copies of each were (i) produced and (ii) distributed? N113ENG

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

There are no statutory and other entities

reporting to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In respect of the 2006-07 annual report of the department (a) the (i) budgeted cost was R300 000 (inclusive of projected distribution costs of R50 000) and (ii) actual cost was R240 389,74 (exclusive of distribution costs) and (iii) unit cost of each annual report was R80,12 and (b) the amount of copies (i) produced were 3 000 and (ii) thus far 1 600 copies have been distributed.

S & T aan PAP-lede betaal

1842. Dr P W A MULDER (VF Plus) vra die Minister van Buitelandse Sake:

Of enige lede van die Parlement wat aan die Pan-Afrikaanse Parlement (PAP) verbonde is enige betalings vir reis- en verblyf-koste van die PAP ontvang het; so ja, hoeveel lede van die Parlement uitbetalings ontvang het en (ii) watter bedrae aan elkeen uitbetaal is? NW2800A

(Translation follows):

[S&T paid to members of PAP]

1842. Dr P W A MULDER (FF Plus) asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Whether any Members of Parliament associated with the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) have received any payment for subsistence and travel costs from the PAP; if so, how many have received payment and (ii) what amounts was paid out to each one of them? NW2800E]

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

As regards the Pan-African Parliament the primary role of the Department of Foreign Affairs is to ensure South Africa's compliance with its obligations regarding the agreement entered into with the African Union to host the PAP. This includes the provision of an appropriate, well equipped parliamentary complex to house this august body. The Host-Country Agreement also commits us to ensuring a conducive environment for the smooth running of Parliamentary sessions through the provision of

transport, ICT and security solutions during the sessions.

Whilst the department monitors and follows with interest the proceedings of the PAP, particularly the sessions, it is, however, not involved in its administration matters. It is, therefore, not privy to any monies, if any, that accrued to any of the Members of the Pan-African Parliament, including the five South African MPs nominated from our National Assembly.

Certain employee of her department dismissed and re-employed

1852. Mrs D VAN DER WALT (DA) asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

- (1) With regard to a certain employee of her department (name furnished) who was dismissed and re-employed (details furnished), why was the said person (a) sent home again and (b) instructed to surrender his signed copy of his acceptance of duties;
- (2) whether the said person was paid any arrears or costs regarding his salary; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2813E

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

- (1) (i) He was not sent home.
- (ii) He was not instructed to surrender his signed copy of the Acceptance of Duties of Research Assistant.
- (2) (iii) He was not paid any arrears (costs) with regards to the payment of his salary. The Embassy through its lawyer is discussing the payment of the outstanding salary of Mr Broekman with his legal representative.

Official visit of the President to Namibia

1857. Mrs S M CAMERER (DA) asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Whether, in view of the recent official visit of the President to Namibia, her

department has any plans to upgrade the Binational Commission with that country; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2818E

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

Structured bilateral relations between South Africa and Namibia are at the highest level in the form of the Heads of States Economic Bilateral which meets once a year and addresses issues like trade co-ordination and economic exchange. It also focuses on joint economic co-operation projects such as Spatial Development Initiatives, tourism, energy matters as well as matters related to Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and Southern African Development Communities (SADC). The 6th Heads of States Economic Bilateral meeting between South Africa and Namibia was held in Pretoria on 11 October 2007.

It is therefore not necessary to upgrade the bilateral relations with Namibia since they are already at the highest level.

Sufficient literature produced in braille made available to schools

1866. Ms S J LOE (DA) asked the Minister of Education:

Whether sufficient literature produced in braille is made available to schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2827E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

Only a limited number of textbooks have been made available to schools for learners with visual impairment.

The main difficulty in terms of production of braille translations of prescribed texts is the limited capacity of the two braille production houses in the country to print in volume. Only one of these houses has the capacity to print mathematics and science books.

The Department has submitted a Treasury bid for additional funding for learners with special needs.

The provision of learning and teaching support material is a provincial competency. The Department of Education has established a braille learning and teaching support materials national standing committee to coordinate textbook selection and transcription of books into braille and large print for distribution to schools. To date all schools have submitted their proposed lists of textbooks for Gr 10-12. The national list is currently being finalised with provincial departments of education. As soon as it is completed it will be submitted to the braille production houses for production and distribution in 2008.

Unavailability of central computer to check visas at airports

1872. Ms H WEBER (DA) asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

With regard to a letter sent to her (details furnished), (a) what are the reasons for (i) the letter not having been replied to and (ii) a central computer not being available at airports so that visas can be checked electronically and (b) when can a reply to the letter be expected? NW2833E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

The hon member is, kindly, requested to re-forward the letter she wrote for the attention of the Minister as it, unfortunately, never reached her office. We have since been looking for it from the department, but to no avail.

Number of outstanding EIAs

1886. Mr E W TRENT (DA) asked the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism:

(a) In respect of each province, how many environmental impact assessments (EIAs) have been outstanding for (i) less than six months, (ii) between six and twelve months, (iii) between twelve and 18 months and (iv) longer than 18 months, (b) in each category in each province,

NW2848E

Please find attached the information that DEAT has with regard to environmental impact assessment (EIA) statistics. Information on estimated values is not available. You are respectfully requested to contact provinces should you need more information.

- (1) Applications where information or action is awaited from the applicant or consultant;
- (2) Applications where action is awaited from the authority but the process is still within prescribed time frames; and
- (3) Applications where action is awaited from the authority but applicable time frames have expired.

Annexure 1

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SECTION 24G STATISTICS

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<i>Period reported on</i>	<i>EIA applications submitted in terms of ECA</i>						<i>EIA applications submitted in terms of NEMA</i>					
January 2008 — March 2008		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April 2008 — June 2008		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 2008 — September 2008		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October 2008 — December 2008		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January 2009-March 2009		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April 2009 — June 2009		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 2009 — September 2009		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October 2009 — December 2009		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Annexure 2

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Exhibition space secured at ANC conference

1976. Mr J P I BLANCHÉ (DA) asked the Minister of Science and Technology:

- (1) Whether his department or any of the entities reporting to him made any applications to secure exhibition space in or access to facilities at the national conference of a certain political organisation (name furnished); if so, what is the expected benefit to (a) his department and (b) the taxpayer;
- (2) whether any such applications were solicited; if so, (a) by whom and (b) what were the costs involved?

NW3051E

The MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

- (1) No.
- (2) No.

Enkelmedium Afrikaanse skole

1990. Dr P W A MULDER (VF Plus) vra die Minister van Onderwys:

- (a) Hoeveel enkelmedium-Afrikaanse skole daar tans is en (b) wat die totale jaarlikse finansiële bydrae deur die (i) Regering en (ii) ouers van leerders in dié skole is? NW2943A

(Translation follows):

[Single medium Afrikaans schools

1990. Dr P W A MULDER (FF Plus) asked the Minister of Education:

- (a) How many single medium Afrikaans schools are there at present and (b) what is the total annual financial contribution by the (i) Government and (ii) parents of learners in these schools? NW2943E]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

- (a) In 2004 there were 3 331 Afrikaans

single or parallel medium schools and a total of 1 382 106 learners using Afrikaans as their medium of instruction (latest EMIS data).

- (b) (i) Government school funding includes capital, personnel, and non-personnel, non capital school allocations. In regard to personnel, provincial education departments fund educator and other posts at schools based on a post-provisioning model. The model determines posts to be funded at a school (and as a results salaries paid on a monthly basis) on the basis of learner numbers and subject offerings. In addition, provincial education departments provide per learner allocations for non-personnel non-capital expenditure. These allocations are determined on the basis of the socio-economic level of the community in which the school is located and in 2008 the allocation will range from R581 per learner to around R750 depending on the poverty ranking of the school and the province where it is located. The average spending per public ordinary school learner in 2007-08 was R6 146 per year.
- (ii) Parental financial contribution to schools is not known. School fees are determined by an annual meeting of parents of learners on the basis of school plans and the use of funds is overseen by provincial education departments. The school-fee contribution is also determined by exemptions (total or partial) as well as default payments.

Details re school nutrition scheme

1995. Ms S N SIGCAU (UDM) asked the Minister of Education:

What are the minimum requirements in terms of the (a) type and (b) amount of food distributed through the school nutrition scheme? NW3062E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

- (a) Provinces have 14 menu options to choose from that should comply with the following criteria:
 meet at least 20 — 30% of the recommended daily allowance for the 7 to 10-year-old age group;
 offer only culturally and socially acceptable as well as locally consumed food items on the menu;
 serve only fortified maize meal and bread baked with fortified wheat flour;
 use real dairy products and not imitation dairy products
- (b) Learners should receive 5 servings of fresh fruit and vegetables per week. Green and yellow vegetables should also be alternated in a week.

The following are the ingredients used in

combining the key food categories (starch, protein and vegetables) for the 14 menu options.

Pap/phuthu/fortified maize meal;
 Maize rice;
 Rice;
 Mabele;
 Mashed potatoes/sweet potatoes;
 Soya mince relish with onion and tomatoes, oil and seasoning;
 Cabbage;
 Spinach/morogo;
 Green beans; and
 Fresh vegetables.

Service providers are given a detailed form with the quantity of raw ingredients to be used to prepare meals on a per-learner basis; it also indicates the size of the meal portions to be served to each learner.

MENU 1

Food item	Portion size served	Energy (kj)	Protein (g)	Calcium (mg)	Iron (mg)	Zn (mg)	Vit a (ug)
1. Pap/phuthu Fortified maize meal	1 and ¾ cups	1196	5.6	3.2	3.21	1.80	150
Maize Rice	1 and ¾ cups	1035	5.3	21	0.4	0.90	0
Rice/	1 and ½ cups (195g)	1035	5.3	21	0.4	0.90	0
Mabele/	1 and ¾ cups	1020	7.2	14.4	3.12	1.89	0
Mashed potatoes/sweet potatoes	1 and ½ cups	1440	7.1	128	1.9	1.05	120
2. Soya Mince Relish With Onion & tomatoes Oil Seasoning	½ cup (125 ml) 2 teaspoons (10g) 1 teaspoon (5 ml) ½ teaspoon (2 ml)	354 190	4.9 0	42 0	3.1 0	0.77 0	0 0
3. Cabbage/	½ cup (70g)	73	0.7	20	0.3	0.12	1
Spinach/morogo	½ cup (90g)	114	2.7	122	3.2	0.68	737
Green beans, fresh	½ cup (80g)	110	1.4	39	0.7	0.24	20
Total		1854	13.2	167.2	9.51	3.25	887
RDA		8 368	28.0	800	10.0	10.0	700
% of RDA		22	47	20.9	95.1	3.25	126

Number of species hunted according to CITES

2054. Mr I F JULIES (DA) asked the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism:

With reference to his reply to Question 1212 on 25 September 2007, (a) what was the actual number of species hunted according to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) permit

system in each province in (i) 2005 and (ii) 2006 and (b) where does the four tons of ivory in the Western Cape come from?
NW3128E

The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM:

(i) Number of CITES mammal species hunted during the 2004-05 hunting season from 1 October 2004 to 30 September 2005 according to provincial hunting statistics

Species	WC	EC	NC	FS	KZN	NW	GP	LP	MP	Total
African wildcat		3	3	14		3		24		47
Aardwolf		3								3
Baboon		47	9	11	6	14	1	89	14	191
Bontebok	2	36		4						141
Caracal		154	32	35	7	33		29	3	293
Black footed cat								1		1
Civet								20		20
Crocodile					3	4			8	15
Duiker (blue)		43			3			3	2	51
Elephant					10	15		17	9	51
Hippo					3			4	16	23
Honey Badger								1		1
Leopard					1	12	1	11	9	34
Lion		2		3	1	260		37	2	305
Monkey Vervet		44	15	10	6	6	1	25	1	108
Otter Cape clawless				3						3
Rhinoceros white		5	5	7	18	29	1	6	7	78
Serval				29					2	31
Tsessebe			5	2		7		25	4	43
Zebra Hartmanns		2	7	7	1		1	8		26

(ii) Number of CITES mammal species hunted during the 2005-06 hunting season from 1 October 2005 to 30 September 2006 according to provincial hunting statistics:

(b) It all comes from confiscation of illegal possessions.

ROD on King Shaka Airport

2055. Mr M J ELLIS (DA) asked the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism:

(1) With regard to the record of decision (ROD) on the King Shaka Airport, (a) on what basis was the Airports Company of SA (Acsa) granted an extension to reply to the appeals of the appellants, (b) how was the decision to grant an extension to Acsa communicated to appellants and (c) on what date was it communicated;

(2) whether this extension was granted

in writing; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) whether the process following the ROD has remained fair to all stakeholders; if not, how will this be rectified; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3129E

The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM:

- (1) (a) The extension was granted on the basis that the consultants, acting on behalf of ACSA, indicated that they needed more time to prepare their response to the appeals. This was due in some measure to the fact that one of the appellants included two newspaper clippings in her appeal which were illegible. It was therefore necessary to obtain clear copies from her. Furthermore, the period of extension was for a period of about two weeks (from the original due date of 29 October 2007 until 12 November), which was considered reasonable in the circumstances. In addition, the request came from the proponent itself, which took own responsibility for the delay and which did not affect the rights of other parties. Lastly, it may be mentioned that the Environment Conservation Act, 1989, does not stipulate a period in which a developer has to respond to appeals.
- (b) The decision was not communicated to the appellants as it was not considered necessary to do so.
- (c) Falls away.
- (2) No. It was not mandatory in terms of law to grant the extension in writing.
- (3) Yes. Rest of question falls away.

Department's involvement in building De Hoop Dam

2059. Mr G R MORGAN (DA) asked the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism:

- (1) Whether his department is involved in the building of the De Hoop Dam; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there will be any negative impact on the Kruger National Park in this regard; if not, how did he reach this conclusion; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the minimum ecological reserve requirements of the Olifants River will be maintained once the dam is completed; if not, how will this situation be remedied; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3133E

The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM:

The De Hoop Dam was approved by means of an ROD issued in 2006. The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) has been granted authorisation in terms of Regulations R.1182 and 1183 (as amended) promulgated under sections 21, 22 and 26 of the Environment Conservation Act (Act 73 of 1989), subject to the conditions and provisions listed. It was approved taking into account the significant socio-economic benefit it will have for the region, especially in terms of alleviating poverty.

My department is involved in the project in the following ways: it is represented on the Authorities Co-ordinating Committee (ACC) which DWAF had to constitute in accordance with the conditions of the ROD. Representation on the ACC is both by officials from my department and representatives from other government departments. The development was also authorised on condition that DWAF establishes an Envi-

ronmental Monitoring Committee (EMC) with clear Terms of Reference to monitor environmental performance of the project. The responsibilities of the ACC include the following:

To oversee that all commitments in the record of decision (ROD) and the environmental management plan (EMP) are met;

To provide guidance for the functioning of the environmental monitoring committee (EMC);

To take into account all relevant information and issues raised by stakeholders when making project decisions; and to

Evaluate the reports and correspondence received from the independent Chairperson of the EMC.

Please refer to the ROD that is public knowledge and available on the department's website.

Yes, the minimum ecological reserve requirements of the Olifants River will be maintained, but not out of the dam. Only the section of Steelpoort River downstream from the dam to the Olifants River confluence will be maintained out of the dam. The minimum ecological reserve requirements of the Olifants River in the rest of the river will be maintained by the implementation of the water conservation and demand management strategy as outlined above.

Situation *re* SA citizens' interests in Zimbabwe

2060. Mr A J BOTHA (DA) asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to Question 103 on 27 March 2002 (copy furnished), the Government still regards the situation in respect of the South African citizens' interests in Zimbabwe as normalised; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what positive results have been obtained in respect of the

large number of South African properties in Zimbabwe that have been expropriated and property owners forcibly evicted from their properties without any adequate compensation and (b) what steps are being or will be taken to protect South African citizens' interests which have been negatively affected by the Zimbabwean government's actions;

- (2) whether any discussions will be held with the Zimbabwean authorities for damages suffered by South African citizens; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3134E

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

- (1) The South African Government including the Embassy in Harare continues to intervene if there are any threats to the property rights of the South African citizens as well as South African companies.

The Zimbabwean authorities have acknowledged the concerns raised by South Africa and undertook to respond.

The South African Government continues to engage with the Zimbabwean Government through diplomatic channels in an effort to ensure the safety and security of all South African citizens and their properties.

- (2) South Africa will continue to engage, through proper diplomatic channels to ensure protection of the South African citizen's properties and good bilateral relations between these two countries.

Government contributing to Sevens Rugby tournament in George

2073. Mr M SWART (DA) asked the Minister of Sport and Recreation:

Whether his department makes any contribution, financial or otherwise, to the international IRB Rugby Sevens Tournament hosted in George annually; if not,

why not; if so, what are the relevant details?
NW3148E

The MINISTER OF SPORT AND RECREATION:

Our department does not make any financial contribution to the IRB Rugby Sevens Tournament in George. The George Municipality does, however, make a contribution in the form of Municipal infrastructure and services eg lighting in the evenings and other technical services. Sport and Recreation South Africa has never been approached for any kind of assistance for this tournament.

Details *re* annual reports of department/entities

2080. Mr M SWART (DA) asked the Minister of Science and Technology:

In respect of the 2006-07 annual report of his department and the annual reports of each statutory and other entity reporting to him, (a) what was the (i) budgeted cost, (ii) actual cost and (iii) unit cost of each annual report and (b) how many copies of each were (i) produced and (ii) distributed?
NW3156E

The MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

The draft reply is provided in the table on the following two pages in which the reply

numbers are identical with the question numbers.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2080

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY: MR M SWART (DA): TOTAL EXPENDITURE INCURRED IN 2003/04/05 ANNUAL REPORTS OF DST AND OTHER ENTITIES

“Mr M Swart (DA) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:

- (1) In respect of the 2006-07 annual report of his department and the annual reports of each statutory and other entity reporting to him, (a) what was the (i) budgeted cost, (ii) actual cost and (iii) unit cost of each annual report and (b) how many copies of each were (i) produced and (ii) distributed?”

REPLY:

The draft reply is provided in the table on the following two pages in which the reply numbers are identical with the question numbers.

INFORMATION AS REQUESTED BY MR A SWART ON THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DST) AND THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE STATUTORY AND OTHER ENTITIES REPORTING TO THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT, STATUTORY OR OTHER ENTITY	REPORT YEAR	BUDGETED COST a(i) (RAND)	ACTUAL COST a(ii) (RAND)	UNIT COST a(iii) (RAND)	COPIES PRODUCED b(i) (NUMBER)	COPIES DISTRIBUTED b(ii) (NUMBER)
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (DST)	(1) 2006-07	300 000	260 894.70	173.93	1500	1500
AFRICA INSTITUTE OF SOUTH AFRICA (AISA)	(1) 2006-07	120 000	125 611.80	62.97	2000	1251

DEPARTMENT, STATUTORY OR OTHER ENTITY	REPORT YEAR	BUDGETED COST a(i) (RAND)	ACTUAL COST a(ii) (RAND)	UNIT COST a(iii) (RAND)	COPIES PRODUCED b(i) (NUMBER)	COPIES DISTRIB- UTED b(ii) (NUMBER)
ACADEMY OF SCIENCE OF SOUTH AFRICA (ASSAf)	(1) 2006-07	100 000	101 559	51	2000	1500
COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (CSIR)	(1) 2006-07	350 000	351 174.72	70.23	5000	2500
SACNASP	(1) 2006-07	63 118	7 025	7.80	900	About 690
HUMAN SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL (HSRC)	(1) 2006-07	853 400	640 222	142.27	4500	4500
NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INNOVATION (NACI)	(1) 2006-07	100 000	67 423.76	65.50	1 030	In Progress
NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (NRF)	(1) 2006-07	514 820.58	713 478.69	475.65	1500	1195 copies distributed for compli- ance and the balance used for marketing
TSHUMISANO TRUST	(1) 2006-07	65 000	97 786	181.08	540	140 to date

QUESTIONS

For written reply:

Consultants used by department

1037. Mr C M LOWE (DA) asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) In respect of the (a)(i) 2005-06 and (ii) 2006-07 financial years and (b) period 1 January to 30 June 2007, (i) what was the total cost of consultants used by her department, (ii) what are their names, (iii) who in her department is in charge of these consultants, (iv) for what purpose were they used and (v) what was the reason for preferring to use consultants instead of hiring persons with the necessary skills;
- (2) whether any former employees of her department have been employed as consultants in the periods mentioned above; if so, why (a) was each person rehired as a consultant and (b) did each person leave her department if his/her skills were necessary to the department? N1496E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

- (1) (a) (b) Owing to the challenges that the department faces, in a number of areas, we have sought out various consultants, as required specialised service, in different units, where there are capacity gaps, to assist the department. It should also be noted that the financial administration system, currently, at the service of our department does not maintain separate records per service type or supplier. As processed invoices are maintained on the system, request for any type of information is drawn, as and when, it is required. In effect, the retrieval of such information often depends on

the availability, and responsiveness of the system, due to the volumes of the reports.

So, such an exercise of accessing information on ever utilised consultants by the department, over so many years, poses an enduring administrative exercise that profoundly consumes the valuable time essentially required to carry out the deliverables of the department that will help improve on the service delivery that has since been facing its own constraints.

However, the total amount paid to these consultants over the years, under question, is R145 715 350,38.

- (2) No.

Consultants used by Department

1208. Mr V C GORE (ID) asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to Question 181 on 4 June 2007, any other consultants have been employed by her department; if so, (a) how many in the (i) 2002-03, (ii) 2004-05 and (iii) 2006-07 financial years, (b) how much has been paid to each (i) consulting company or (ii) individual in the abovementioned period and (c) what measures were taken to build internal capacity to do the work of such consultants;
- (2) whether her department has the capacity to do the work currently being done by a certain company (name furnished) for her department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what is the duration of the said company's contract;
- (4) what are the levels of skills of the people employed in her department's

Human Resources department?

NW1674E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

- (1) (a)-(c) Owing to the challenges that the department faces, in a number of areas, we have sought out various consultants, in different units, where there are capacity gaps, to assist the department. It should also be noted that the financial administration system currently at the service of our department does not maintain separate records per service type or supplier. As processed invoices are maintained on the system, request for any type of information is drawn, as and when it is required. In effect, the retrieval of such information often depends on the availability, and responsiveness of the system, due to the volumes of the reports.

So, such an exercise of tracing consultants ever used by the department over so many years, poses an enduring administrative exercise that profoundly consumes valuable time essentially required to carry out the deliverables of the department that will help improve on the service delivery that has since been facing its own constraints.

However, the total amount paid to these consultants over the years under question is R522 107 842.

- (2) and (3) The company under question carries a specialised skill that provides baseline information, in terms of the department's staff establishment that is essentially required by the Turnaround Project in the department.
- (4) The Turnaround Project workstream is currently working on the skills base of the department's personnel.

Officials investigated for fraud

1576. Mr C M LOWE (DA) asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) In respect of each of the past three years up to the latest specified date for which information is available, (a) how many officials at offices of her department were investigated for fraud and corruption, (b) what was the nature of the investigation in each case and (c) how many of these officials were found guilty;
- (2) whether any action was taken against them; if not, why not; if so, what action in each case? NW2390E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

- (1) (a) A total number of 431 officials of the Department of Home Affairs were investigated for fraud and corruption.
- (b) The nature of the offences varies from identity related fraud to bribery.
- (c) The statistics concerning how many officials were found guilty are not readily available. Some cases would be referred to the SA Police Services (SAPS) to be dealt with, in terms of the criminal justice system. These would be cases that are criminal, in nature. The Department of Home Affairs does not receive feedback from SAPS on the outcome of these cases.
- (2) Yes. Action has been, and is being taken against any official implicated in fraud and corruption. As indicated, earlier on, in cases that are of a criminal nature, the cases are being referred to SAPS, for the criminal justice system to take its course.

Overseas trips

1636. Mr C M LOWE (DA) asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) In respect of each of the past three years up to the latest specified date

for which information is available, (a) how many overseas trips were undertaken by (i) her and (ii) departmental officials, (b) what was the total amount spent on these trips and (c) for each trip undertaken, (i) who were the members of the delegation that was sent, (ii) what was the nature and purpose and (iii) what were the benefits derived;

- (2) whether each trip was authorised; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2439E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

- (1) (a)-(c) (2) The minister has undertaken a number of overseas trips, which were all approved. The financial administration system, currently, at the service of our department, does not maintain separate records per service type. As processed invoices are maintained on the system, request for any type of information is drawn, as and when, it is required. In effect, the retrieval of such information often depends on the availability, and responsiveness of the system, due to the volumes of the reports. So, such an exercise of accessing information for the number of the officials in attendance in her trips; money spent on each trip, over such a period of time; the names of each individual officials; the nature and purpose, and benefits derived, poses an enduring administrative exercise that profoundly consumes the valuable time essentially required for the core business of the department that will help to improve on the service delivery that has since been facing its own constraints.

However, the total amount of the overseas trips stands at a staggering figure of R20 290 817,96. As earlier, indicated about the shortcomings of the current financial administration system, this figure includes expenses incurred by officials representing the department

in various Foreign Offices. So, it does not essentially reflect the expenses incurred by the minister's overseas trips, over the period, under question.

Officials employed in department

1773. Dr C P MULDER (FF Plus) asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (a) How many officials who had been employed in her department since the current director-general's commencement of office were (i) suspended, (ii) dismissed, (iii) redeployed to another office or section or (iv) retrained for another position within her department and (b) what was the financial implication of the abovementioned actions for her department? N159ENG

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

- (a) (i) (ii) 55 officials have been suspended, and 78 have been dismissed since the Director-General's commencement of office. (iii) (iv)(b) No redeployment to any other office, or section, nor retraining for any other position undertaken within her department.

Budget for training and upgrading of IT systems

1805. Mr C M LOWE (DA) asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

With regard to the latest three years for which information is available, what was the sum (a) budgeted for and (b) actually spent on (i) training staff, (ii) upgrading manual systems, (iii) upgrading and/or introducing computerised systems and (iv) improving processes and other IT work? N195ENG

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

- (a)-(b) The financial administration system, currently, at the service of our department does not maintain separate records per service type or supplier.

QUESTIONS

For written reply:

Closure of facilities/stores/workshops of SU

2023. Adv H C SCHMIDT (DA) asked the Minister of Defence:

- (1) Whether any of the (a) facilities, (b) stores and/or (c) workshops in which 1 Air Servicing Unit (ASU) undertakes its specialised aircraft support activities for the SA Air Force (SAAF) have been closed down and/or declared not certifiable by the Department of Labour due to the state of the facilities at (i) Tshaba Tshwane and/or (ii) the SAAF Waterkloof base; if so, (aa) for which reasons and (bb) on what date(s) were these facilities/workshops closed down and/or declared not certifiable;
- (2) (a) where are the facilities of those services affected by the closing down and/or the non-certifiable facilities currently housed or (b) where will they be housed in the (i) short, (ii) medium and (iii) long term?

NW3095E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

- (1) (i) Yes, the Department of Labour (DoL) inspected the 1 ASU facilities at Thaba Tshwane and served two Prohibition Notices on the Electro-plating Section leading to the closure of the Chemical Cleaning and the Electro Plating Section. The following DoL Prohibition Notices were served:
 - (ii) The use of the 1 ASU Electro-plating section building until the leaking roofs are replaced or repaired.
 - (iii) The use of the 1 ASU Electro-

plating Section until the exhaust system, scrubber plant and effluent plant are installed and in working condition.

- (a) There were no Prohibition Notices served on any of 1 ASU facilities on AFB Waterkloof. The following DoL Contravention Notices were served on 1 ASU facilities at Thaba Tshwane
 - (aa) Environmental Regulation for Workplaces (6(2)(d), 6(2)(e))
 - (bb) Facilities Regulations (9)
 - (cc) General Safety Regulations 4(10)(b), 4(10)(c)
 - (dd) Hazardous Chemical Substance Regulations (6(1)c, 7(1)a, 15(d))
 - (ee) Electrical Installation Regulations (3(1))
 - (ff) Major Hazard Installation (5(1)).
- (b) The following DoL Contravention Notices were served on 1 ASU facilities at AFB Waterkloof:
 - (c) Environmental Regulation for Workplaces ((3(1), 5(1), 6 (2) (e), 9(2))
Facilities Regulations (2(1), 2(3), (9)
 - (d) General Safety Regulations (2(2), 4(1))
 - (e) Hazardous Chemical Substance Regulations (10(2)(e)(ii), 12(b), 15(d))
- (2) (i)
 - (a) 1 ASU Facility at Thaba Tshwane was inspected on 05 May 2004.
 - (b) 1 ASU Facilities at AFB Water-

kloof was inspected on 10 May 2004.

- (c) The short-term planning is the transfer work to existing 2 ASU facility for electroplating.
- (d) The medium and long-term planning is to reopen the capability at 1 ASU at AFB Waterkloof.
- (e) Remedial action has been taken to rectify Contravention Notices served by DoL.

Sale/donation of aircraft to other countries

2020. Mr M M SWATHE (DA) asked the Minister of Defence:

Whether the SA National Defence Force intends (a) selling and/or (b) donating aircraft to other countries and/or private entities; if so, (i) to which countries and/or entities, (ii)(aa) when and (bb) under what conditions will such aircraft be disposed of and (iii) what are the reasons for donating and/or selling such aircraft?

NW3092E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

- (1) The South African National Defence Force does not sell or donate aircraft to other countries or private entities. When there is a need to remove capital equipment from service this action is firstly authorised by the Minister of Defence. Once disposal has been duly authorised, the equipment is transferred to Armscor for the physical disposal actions. Armscor is mandated to dispose of capital equipment and not the South African Defence Force.

PSAP personnel employed at 1ASU

2021. Mr M M SWATHE (DA) asked the Minister of Defence:

- (1) (a) How many (i) Public Service Air Force personnel (PSAP) and (ii) SA National Defence Force personnel

are currently employed at 1 Air Service Unit (1 ASU) and 2 Air Service Unit (2 ASU). (b) which aircraft are currently serviced by the respective units and (c) what is the long-term vision and planning by the SA Air Force in respect of the continued service to be rendered by 1 ASU and 2 ASU;

- (2) whether any studies on the viability of these units are currently being undertaken; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any services are currently rendered in partnership with other public or private entities; if so, with which entities?

NW3093E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(1) (i)

Ser No	Units	PSAP
	a	b
1	1 ASU	55
2	2 ASU	7

(ii)

Ser No	Units	SANDF
	a	b
1	1 ASU	258
2	2 ASU	176

- (b) The following aircrafts are serviced by 1 ASU:

Lockheed C-130 BZ Hercules
Cessna C208 Caravan

Beechcraft King Air 200

Beechcraft King Air 200 B

Beechcraft King Air 300

2 Air Servicing Unit conduct servicing on Pilatus Astra MKII aircraft.

- (d) There are currently no changes in the long-term vision or planning in respect of the continued service to be rendered by 1 ASU and 2 ASU.

- (2) A study is being undertaken to identify inefficiencies in the servicing of the C130 aircraft with the view of optimising the output and therefore obtain the best utilisation of the limited funding available
- (3) At 1 ASU the following aircraft servicing/maintenance is completely/partially contracted out:
 Lockheed C-130 BZ Hercules Denel Aviation (Kempton Park)
 Cessna C208 Caravan ExecuJet (Lanseria)
 Beechcraft King Air ExecuJet (Lanseria)
 CASA 212 and 235 ExecuJet (Lanseria)
 2 Air Servicing Unit currently conducts maintenance and repair work on the Pilatus Astra MKII in partnership with Pilatus by means of a Steady State Contract.

Total cost of OSIS computer used by SANDEF

2022. Adv H C SCHMIDT (DA) asked the Minister of Defence:

- (1) With regard to the Ocean Satellite Imaging Systems (OSIS) computer programme designed for and currently being used by the SA Air Force (SAAF), what has been the total cost to the (a) SAAF and/or (b) SA National Defence Force of the programme from its design and implementation to date;
- (2) whether problems are being experienced with regard to the implementation and use of the programme; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the (a)(i) SA Navy (SAN) and (ii) SA Army (SA Army) have been approached to implement the programme and/or (b)(i) SAN and (ii) SA Army have taken any steps to implement this programme; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant

details;

- (4) whether any alternative programme to the OSIS computer programme is being investigated and/or being implemented by the (a) SAAF, (b) SAN and (c) SA Army; if so, what are the relevant costs? NW3094E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

- (1) There is no system under that name.
- (2) Falls away as there is no system under that name.
- (3) (a) (i)-(ii) Falls away as there is no system under that name.
- (b) (i)-(ii) Falls away as there is no system under that name.

REPLIES TO QUESTIONS
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Success of Integrated Quality
 Management Systems

2010. Mr G G BOINAMO (DA) asked the Minister of Education: *[Replied to on 19 February 2008.]*

- (1) Whether, after reviewing and assessing the Integrated Quality Management Systems in KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo and the Eastern Cape, her department has found this system to be a success; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her department will release the outcomes to this review and assessment; if not, why not; if so, when? NW3082E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

- (1) There has been no external involvement in teacher appraisal since the 1980s, because of the discredited, subjective and punitive system of teacher supervision under "Bantu Education". It has taken over 10 years since 1994 to negotiate a system that is both an

appraisal instrument for development and an evaluation instrument for performance management. In 2005 the Integrated Quality Management System (IQMS) was implemented for the first time, and was linked to teacher remuneration. Thus, for the first time in almost 24 years we have an instrument to measure the performance of educators.

However, the implementation of the IQMS has not been without problems. Between 2006 and 2007 the Department of Education reviewed the IQMS as part of its monitoring and support role to provinces and an external service provider assessed processes at a sample of schools and districts in some provinces.

Both reviews highlighted good and bad practices. Some provinces have established clusters of schools to share good practices and to motivate educators. However, some provinces assigned too few staff to implement and monitor the process.

I believe that the IQMS is required. However, I also believe that there is a need for a strong external moderation of the IQMS process with an independent evaluation process based at the national level. It is for this reason that I announced in my budget speech that 2008 will see the establishment of a National Education Evaluation Unit. This unit will, over a cycle of 3-5 years, evaluate each and every educator.

- (2) No. The external service provider's review of the IQMS was carried out as part of an internal process leading to the creation of an evaluation unit.

Request to attend policy conference

836. Mr D H M GIBSON (DA) asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs: *[Replied to on 20 February 2008.]*

Whether any members of her department have been requested to attend the policy conference of a certain political organisation (name furnished), to be held in June 2007; if so, in respect of each member requested to attend, (a) what is their name, (b) what position do they hold in her department, (c) in what capacity will they be appearing, (d) what role will they be playing at the conference, (e) who will be paying their travel expenses, (f) who requested that they attend and (g) what are the further relevant details? N1223E

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

Officials who might have attended the conference would have done so in their private capacity on basis of invitations extended to them directly. The department would not have been a conduit for such invitations and therefore would not be aware of who was invited.

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Not applicable
- (e) Not applicable
- (f) Not applicable
- (g) No further information available.

SAPS firearms lost/misplaced/stolen

1304. Mr R J KING (DA) asked the Minister of Safety and Security: *[Replied to on 20 February 2008.]*

- (1) In respect of each of the past three years up to the latest specified date for which information is available, (a)(i) how many and (ii) what types of firearms of the members of the SA Police Service were (i) stolen, (ii) taken, (iii) lost and/or (iv) misplaced and (b) how many of these firearms have been recovered;

- (2) (a) since 30 April 2005 up to the

latest specified date for which information is available, how many SAPS members who left the service owing to retirement or for any other reason have not yet returned their official firearms and (b) how many firearms are currently owned by municipalities in each province;

- (3) whether any municipalities have (a) handed in any firearms to the SAPS for destruction and (b) reported sto-

len and/or lost firearms to the SAPS; if so, (i) which municipalities and (ii) how many firearms were handed in in each case;

- (4) whether the SAPS or any municipalities have conducted any inspection audit; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what were the findings of each audit?

NW1854E

The MINISTER OF SAFETY AND SECURITY:

(1)(a)(i) to (iv)

	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Stolen</i>	<i>Not classified as lost or stolen</i>	<i>Total</i>
2004-05	310	166	259	735
2005-06	1 036	451	810	2 297
2006-07	1 635	593	1 628	3 856

- (1) (a) (ii) Pistols, rifles/shotguns and revolvers.

- (b) The following number of firearms has been accounted for on the PAS as "Lost/Found" and has also been accounted for on the asset register.
2005-06 — 24
2006-07 — 134

<i>Province</i>	<i>Number of firearms</i>
Northern Cape	91
Eastern Cape	256
Western Cape	2 742
Gauteng	8 498
Free state	753
TOTAL	16 130

- (2) (a) The period 30 April 2005 to 27 August 2007 reflects a total number of 439 firearms which are still in the possession of members who left the service.

- (b) Municipalities in the respective provinces possess the following number of firearms:

<i>Province</i>	<i>Number of firearms</i>
Mpumalanga	665
North West	454
Limpopo	303
KwaZulu-Natal	2 368

- (3) (a) Yes
(i) and (ii)

<i>Province</i>	<i>Municipal ity</i>	<i>Firearms handed in for destruction</i>
Mpumalanga	Mbombela	1
	Steve Tshwete	12
North West	Tswaing	13
Northern Cape	Kgalagadi	2
	Gamagara	4
Limpopo	Polokwane	24
Western Cape	Breede Valley	34
	West Coast	8
	Overberg	8
	Mossel Bay	1

<i>Province</i>	<i>Municipal ity</i>	<i>Firearms handed in for destruction</i>
	Swartland	12
	Breede River/Winelands	5
Free State	Tswelopele	6

(3) (b) Yes
(i) and (ii)

<i>Province</i>	<i>Municipality</i>	<i>Firearms reported lost/stolen</i>
Mpumalanga	Goven Mbeki	29
	Umjindi	1
	Emalahleni	16
	Mkhardo	17
	Mbombela	50
	Steve Tshwete	21
	Delmas	11
North West	Tswaing	4
	Naledi	2
	Potchefstroom	11
	Rustenburg	4
	Maquassi Hills	11
	Ditobotla	2
	Klerksdorp	17
	Madibeng	2
	Kgetleng River	2
Limpopo	Mogalakwena	1
	Thabazimbi	1
	Polokwane	2
	Mookgophong	1
	Tzaneen	3
	Makhado	1
	Bela Bela	5
KwaZulu- Natal	Endumeni	2
	Kokstad	2
	Ethekwini	113
	Umlazi	1
	Umhlathuze	10
	Umtshezi	2

<i>Province</i>	<i>Municipality</i>	<i>Firearms reported lost/stolen</i>
	Kwa Dukuza	2
	Umzi Wabantu	1
Eastern Cape	Sakhisizwe	2
	Intsika Yethu	1
	Makana	9
	Buffalo City	14
	Kouga	2
	Amahlathi	5
	Sundays River Valley	1
Western Cape	Swellendam	2
	Witzenburg	1
	Swartland	2
	Oudtshoorn	2
	Saldanha Bay	1
	City of Cape Town	76
	Stellenbosch	4
	Threewaters-kloof	1
Gauteng	City of Tshwane	70
	City of Johannesburg	529
	Ekurhuleni	339
	Kungwini	9
	Randfontein	12
	Westonaria	6
	Emfuleni	65
	Midvaal	8
	Lesedi City	12
	Mogale City	18
	Nokeng Tsa Taemane	2
Free State	Kopanong	2
	Naledi	1
	Mantsopa	1
	Masilonyana	5
	Tokologo	1
	Matjhabeng	34
	Sesoto	10
	Dihlabeng	12

Province	Municipality	Firearms reported lost/ stolen
	Nketoana	2
	Ngwathe	4
	Mangaung	34
	Maluti a Phofung	2
	Phumelela	2
16	Moqhaka	9
	Nala	6

(4) (a) Yes. The accountability for firearms registered in the name of the

respective municipalities is the responsibility of the appointed person of that municipality.

In order for municipalities to possess firearms and ammunition it is required of them, in terms of section 8 (accreditation) read with section 95 (a)(vi) of the Firearms Control Act, Act 60 of 2000, to apply for accreditation as official institutions.

The following municipalities were visited and inspected by the SAPS:

Province	Municipality	Date	Findings
Mpumalanga	Mkhondo	2004-09-21	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Lekwa	2004-09-21	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
Eastern Cape	Sakhisizwe	2004-11-29	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Makana	2004-12-02	Details of firearms were not correctly captured on the Firearms System Administrative. Error has been corrected.
	Amahlathi	2004-12-01	Details of firearms were not correctly captured on the Firearms System Administrative. Error has been corrected.
	King Sabata Dalindyebo	2004-12-15	Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Gariep	2004-12-15	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Inkwanca	2004-12-15	Details of firearms were not correctly captured on the Firearms System Administrative. Error has been corrected.
	Nxuba	2004-12-15	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Blue Crane Route	2004-12-15	Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Great Kei	2004-12-15	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Elundini	2004-12-15	Details of firearms were not correctly captured on the Firearms System Administrative. Error has been corrected.
	Lukhanji	2004-12-15	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Nelson Mandela	2004-12-15	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.

<i>Province</i>	<i>Municipality</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Findings</i>
Gauteng	Emfuleni	2005-12-05	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Midvaal	2005-12-06	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Lesedi	2005-12-07	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Mogale City	2005-12-12	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Nokeng Tsa Taemane	2005-12-15	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
KwaZulu-Natal	Kokstad	2005-01-22	Details of firearms were not correctly captured on the Firearms System Administrative. Error has been corrected.
	Mooi Mpofana	2005-01-17	Details of firearms were not correctly captured on the Firearms System Administrative. Error has been corrected.
	Abaxulusi	2005-02-10	Details of firearms were not correctly captured on the Firearms System Administrative. Error has been corrected.
	Umshwathi	2005-02-10	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
Free State	Naledi	2004-10-07	Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Masilonyana	2004-10-06	Details of firearms were not correctly captured on the Firearms System Administrative. Error has been corrected.
	Nketoana	2004-10-04	Details of firearms were not correctly captured on the Firearms System Administrative. Error has been corrected.
	Mangaung	2004-10-08	Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Moqhaka	2004-10-04	Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
Limpopo	Mokgalakwena	2006-02-02	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Polokwane	2006-02-02	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Modimolle	2006-02-03	Municipality not accredited. Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Makhado	2006-02-01	Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.
	Thulamela	2006-02-01	Firearms were inspected and found to be in order.

Overseas trips undertaken by departmental officials

1619. Mr AJ LEON (DA) asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs: *[Replied to on 20 February 2008.]*

(1) In respect of each of the past three

years up to the latest specified date for which information is available, (a) how many overseas trips were undertaken by (i) her and (ii) departmental officials, (b) what was the total amount spent on these trips and (c) for each trip undertaken, (i) who

were the members of the delegation that was sent, (ii) what was the nature and purpose and (iii) what were the benefits derived:

- (2) whether each trip was authorised; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2437E

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

As the Department of Foreign Affairs we travel a great deal. The hon member will find the general information in the audited and strategic plans of the department. If there is a specific trip that the hon member is interested in, the hon member should specify.

Representation, covenant and default clauses in the arms deal arrangements

1927. Mr E W TRENT (DA) asked the Minister of Defence: *[Replied to on 28 February 2008.]*

Whether, with regard to the representation, covenant and default clauses in the arms deal arrangements, he is permitted in terms of the erstwhile Exchequer Act, Act 66 of 1975, or the Public Finance Management Act (PMFA), Act 1 of 1999, to enter into such agreements; if so, why have those loan agreements, in terms of section 71 of the PMFA, never been referred to Parliament for scrutiny and authorisation by way of resolution of the National Assembly? NW2999E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

The Minister of Defence is not permitted to enter into agreements as referred to by the question. Only the Minister of Finance has such capability as prescribed to him by the relevant rules and regulations.

The role of the Department of Defence in the acquisition of the Strategic Defence Packages was primarily the compilation of a needs requirement. National Treasury thus negotiated funding arrangements, funding models and loan agreements. Armscor, which is the contracting agent for the De-

partment of Defence contracted suppliers on behalf of the Department of Defence, as stipulated under the Armscor Act, Act 51 of 2003. Allegations of bribery by a certain company (name furnished) to secure arms deal contracts

Allegations of bribery by a certain company to secure arms deal contracts under investigation

1928. Mr E W TRENT (DA) asked the Minister of Defence: *[Replied to on 28 February 2008.]*

Whether in view of the fact that allegations of bribery by a certain company (name furnished) to secure arms deal contracts are now under investigation in eight countries as well as by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and that the BAE/Saab Gripen fighter aircraft have not yet been delivered, the Government will now (a) cancel the contracts and (b) claim for damages; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

NW3000E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

The agreement entered into between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and BAE System for the supply and delivery of Gripen fighter aircraft provides for remedies in the case of bribes. It is specifically indicated that if the seller (BAE/SAAB) or any of its members and representatives in relation to negotiating, entering into execution of the agreement has been convicted of an offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act or any similar offence, Armscor and the Government of the Republic of South Africa may summarily cancel the agreement and claim damages resulting from the cancellation of the contract.

To date no person (to our knowledge) has been convicted of any offence as described above. Armscor and the Department of Defence have no reason to invoke the provisions of this agreement.

Armcor selling armaments

2017. Mr T D LEE (DA) asked the Minister of Defence: *[Replied to on 28 February 2008.]*

- (1) Whether Armcor is in the process of selling (a) equipment, (b) aircraft spare parts, (c) aircraft, (d) aircraft fuselages, (e) firearms, (f) ammunition and (g) aircraft engines on behalf of the SA National Defence Force; if so, (i) what was the total of the abovementioned items sold as at 1 November 2007 and (ii) what process was followed in selling such items;

- (2) whether Armcor or any other entity

has conducted any verification to determine the appropriateness of selling military items to other purchasers; if not, why not; if so, what process has been followed?

NW3089E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

- (1) Armcor is in the process of selling equipment as mandated by the Armcor Act 51 of 2003 and the Service Level Agreement with the South African Department of Defence.

The equipment and the total value of the equipment sold for the period 1 April 2007 through to 1 November 2007 is contained in the table below:

Sub question	Type	Total	Process followed
A	Support equipment	587 000	Armcor tender (sales) process
B	Aircraft spares	9 000	Armcor sales process
C	Aircraft	No sales	No sales
D	Aircraft fuselages	No sales	No sales
E	20mm cannons	720 000	Armcor sales process
F	Ammunition	37 000	Armcor sales process
G	Aircraft engines	No sales	No sales
H	Vehicles	166 000	Armcor tender (sales) process
I	Naval equipment	1 505 000	Armcor tender (sales) process
J	Scrap metals and lubricants	4 537 153	Armcor tender (sales) process
	Total	7 561 153	

The processes followed in selling the abovementioned items were the Armcor approved Tenders (Sales) process and the Armcor Local and Foreign Sales process. The regulations of the Public Financial Management Act, the Auditor General and the National Conventional Arms Control Committee (NCACC) were also complied with.

It is primarily the responsibility of the NCACC to determine the appropriateness; Armcor complies by using its own expertise and judgement prior to submitting applications for marketing, contracting and export permits to the NCACC.

Relocation of 1ASU facilities

2019. Mr M M SWATHE (DA) asked the Minister of Defence: *[Replied to on 28 February 2008.]*

- (1) Whether, with reference to the aircraft overhaul and or repair facility at 1 Air Servicing Unit (1ASU), his department intends upgrading and or relocating certain facilities at 1 ASU currently located at Thaba Tshwane and the SA Air Force Waterkloof base; if so, (a) when will such upgrading or relocation take place, (b) what is the budget allocated in

this regard and (c) which units/sections will be upgraded;

- (2) whether dedicated facilities designed and built for the specialised tasks which 1 ASU undertakes are to be constructed; if not, why not; if so, when? NW3091E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

It is envisaged that the following facilities are to be relocated to Air Force Base Waterkloof:

Heat Treatment Workshop
Plating Workshop
Cleaning Workshop

- (a) The relocation of these workshops depends on the availability of funds and the lead times required for the construction of a suitable facility to accommodate these workshops. A feasibility study is currently been done to define the most appropriate location for these workshops on Air Force Base Waterkloof.
- (b) The outcome of the feasibility study will define the total budgetary requirements for the relocation of these workshops on AFB Waterkloof.
- (c) The unit that is affected by the relocation is 1 Air Servicing Unit.

The abovementioned workshops are required to be housed in dedicated concrete buildings in order to limit the chemical reaction with the environment due to the use of chemicals in the process of refurbishing aircraft components.

Certain company involved in arms deal corruption

2043. Mr T D LEE (DA) asked the Minister of Defence: *[Replied to on 28 February 2008.]*

Whether he or his department has been informed that a certain company (name

furnished) is alleged to (a) have been involved in arms deal corruption and (b) have flouted the United Nations arms embargo during the period of apartheid; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, why is his Ministry continuing to do business with this company? NW3116E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

The Department of Defence has not been formally informed that Thales is allegedly involved or has been involved in arms deal corruption, besides the published fact that THINT was a co-accused in the Shabir Shaik trial but the charges against them were subsequently withdrawn.

Purpose of ground-to-air-missile defence system being acquired as part of Project Guardian

2044. Moulana M R SAYEDALI-SHAH (DA) asked the Minister of Defence: *[Replied to on 28 February 2008.]*

- (1) With reference to his reply to Question 1211 on 7 November 2007, (a) what is the purpose of the ground-to-air-missile defence system being acquired as part of Project Guardian and (b) what internal and external threats have been identified to justify this expenditure;
- (2) whether there is any ground-to-air-missile defence system in place at present; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the SA National Defence Force possesses the equipment, skills and expertise to use, repair and maintain the missile defence system; if not, how will this matter be addressed; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether each missile will cost approximately R1 million; if not, (a) what is the actual cost and (b) how many missiles (i) have been purchased or (ii) are being purchased;

- (5) whether (a) the project will be 54 months behind schedule by completion in November 2009 and (b) Denel will have to pay approximately R80 million penalty; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

NW3117E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

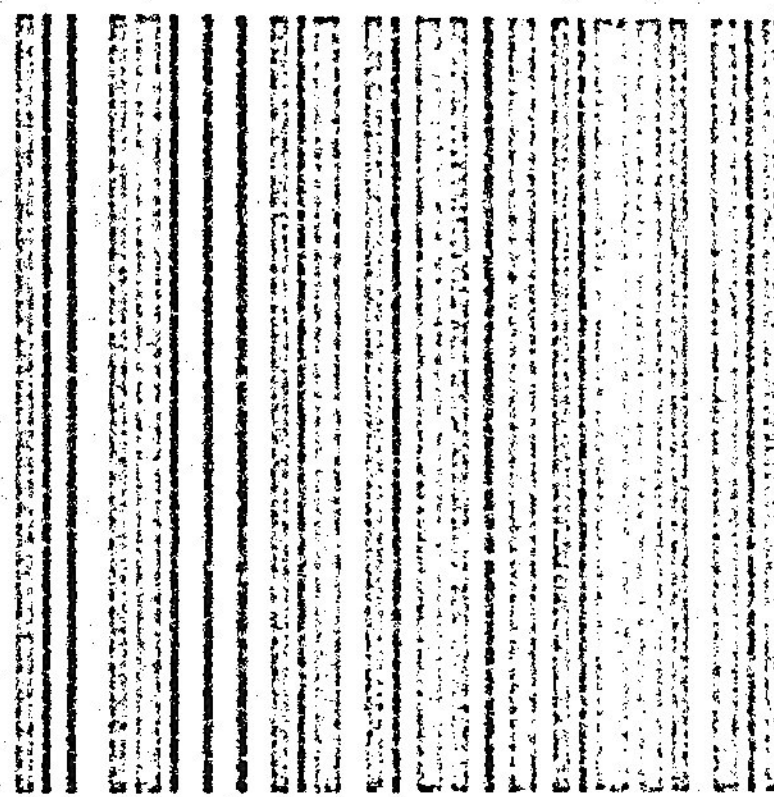
- (1) (a) To provide a very-short range (VSHORAD) Air Defence capability to the SANDF to be employed in either the Mobile Air Defence or Air-Mobile Air Defence role in conventional and peace missions. The acquisition is for one sub-unit level force structure element only to enable an Air Defence Core Growth capability in establishing and maintaining a knowledge base for operator skills and doctrine maintenance. This shared capability will provide a Viable Minimum Force Level, which forms part of a balanced force composition that is required for the SANDF.
- (b) The procurement of the system is not based on a specific physical or materialised internal or external threat but based on capability requirements and specified against a generic ground-based air defence threat analyses. The justification for the expenditure lies more in the inherent deterrent value of such a system than a materialised threat. This capability will be able to address both conventional- and unconventional/asymmetric low level air threats.
- (2) No, there are no Very Short Range (VSHORAD) or Short Range

(SHORAD) ground-to-air missile defence systems in place at present. This system is only intended to replace the obsolete Very Short Range SAM-7 system that has been decommissioned.

The structure and budgeting process to operate the new system in the medium term has been addressed by the SA Army. The project deliverables at commissioning includes the total logistical aspects regarding the system including training, facilities, resources, etc; to operate, maintain and repair the system.

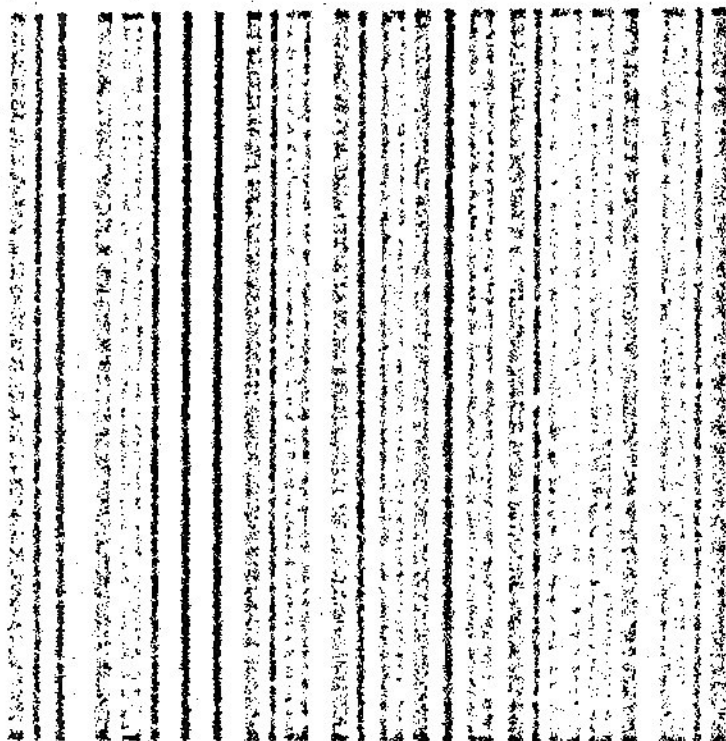
- (a) The missiles were contracted at a fixed unit price of GBP68 443,00 with an exchange rate of ZAR16,6903/GBP1,00. The actual payment was against the fixed unit price with an exchange rate of ZAR11.079/GBP1,00. This calculates to an actual unit price per missile of R758 280.00 plus 14% VAT = R864 439,20.
- (b) (i) and (ii) A total of 96 high explosive (HE) Starstreak missiles were procured and delivered into store during 2005.
- (a) In accordance with the initial contracted baseline the delivery of the system will be 46 months behind schedule. However, the approved revised acquisition baseline stipulates delivery for November 2009.
- (b) The current contractual condition is that the penalties on the contract with Denel has been capped to an amount of R26 977 million with the provision that if the November 2009 delivery date is not met, the full penalty of approximately R80 million will be levied.

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