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Consumer & Corporate Regulation Division

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 349****Mr A P van der Westhuizen (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

- (1) (a) What are the (i) periods, (ii) purpose, (iii) costs and (iv) other expenses incurred relating to each trip undertaken by the chief executive officer (CEO) of the Companies and Intellectual Properties Registration Office (CIPRO) in representing CIPRO since 1 January 2008, (b) what amounts were paid by (i) CIPRO and (ii) any other institutions for each of these trips and (c) for what reason in each case;
- (2) in respect of (a) 2007, (b) 2008 and (c) 2009, what (i) was the number of days that the CEO of CIPRO was not in the office and (ii) was the reason for his absenteeism for each of these days? NW421E

**REPLY:**

- (1) (a) (i)-(iv) The Minister has requested the information from CIPRO and they have indicated as follows:

Period (i)		Purpose (ii)	Costs (iii)** In SA Rand	Other Expenses (iv)
07/03/2008	18/03/2008	International Trade Mark Association (INTS/IP) Australia Trade Mark Regatta, Asia-Pacific Region in Sydney, Australia. IP Australia Senior Trade Marks official forum in Sydney, IP Australia Office in Canberra for benchmarking	95,903.11	
29/03/2008	06/04/2008	Corporate Registers Forum 2008, Vancouver, Canada	61,617.00	
22/07/2008	24/07/2008	Promote CIPRO's decentralisation program in Port Elizabeth, East London, Cape Town	11,932.50	
27/07/2008	01/08/2008	Attend SITA's annual ICT conference (Govtech) in Durban	18,866.00	
04/08/2008	05/08/2008	Promote CIPRO's decentralisation program in KZN	10,557.36	
08/08/2008	08/08/2008	Visit LIBSA office Limpopo	6,246.35	
04/09/2008	05/09/2008	Interviews of Office Manager for Cape Town office, visit Thusong Centres and new dti premises	9,202.30	

20/09/2008	03/10/2008	WIPO General Assemblies - Geneva	77,993.00	
13/10/2008	22/10/2008	6th International Exhibition of Inventors in Su Zhou and visit the Beijing IP Office, visit IP Offices in Calcutta, India (benchmarking purposes)	140,901.44	
17/11/2008	23/11/2008	Executive Committee Meeting of the Corporate Registrars Forum in Singapore	83 017.00	
24/11/2008	30/11/2008	International Seminar on author's Rights in Fortaleza, Brazil partially sponsored by UNDP	121,942.00	
04/03/2009	05/03/2009	Attend Service Level Agreement Ceremony, Dept of Economic Development, KZN	9,173.00	
17/03/2009	19/03/2009	Decentralisation Initiative: Bonteheuwel TSC, Red Door, National Library Co-ordinators Cape Town Office, West Coast Business Development Centre	18,611.00	
30/03/2009	03/04/2009	Corporate Registers Forum, Cape Town - hosted by CIPRO	42,670.21	
12/06/2009	12/06/2009	Cape Town attend WEF Africa Gala Dinner	10,642.00	
16/06/2009	17/06/2009	Cape Town, Parliament, dti strategic planning & budget session	13,064.00	
29/06/2009	30/06/2009	Cape Town, Parliament, Budget Vote & Luncheon	12,910.00	
07/07/2009	08/07/2009	Decentralisation Initiative: visit LIBSA Polokwane, Limpopo province	8,804.40	
03/08/2009	04/08/2009	Decentralisation Partner visit, DEDKZN & Chamber of Commerce in Durban	10,264.00	
10/09/2009	10/09/2009	Decentralisation Partner visit, Department of Economic Development & Planning, Nelspruit	4,603.50	
21/09/2009	24/09/2009	Attend Service Level Agreement Ceremony, Simunye Community Centre, Plettenberg Bay, Cape Town Office	9,021.00	
23/11/2009	25/11/2009	African Regional Intellectual Property Organisation (AIRPO) 33rd Administrative Council Session, Botswana	34,716.18	

28/11/2009	04/12/2009	5th Global Congress on Combating Counterfeiting and Piracy, Cancun, Mexico	98,693.86	
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\*\* Costs includes: Travel, subsistence, accommodation (as per the approved policy) for the period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2009.

- (1) (b) (i) R 789 409 paid by CIPRO  
(ii) R 121 942 paid by UNDP
- (1) (c) International Seminar on author's Rights in Fortaleza, Brazil partially sponsored by UNDP
- (2) (a)-(c) (i)-(ii) The Minister has requested the information from CIPRO and they have indicated as follows:

Year (a-c)	No Days out of the office (c)(i)	Reason (c)(ii)
2007	9	Annual Leave
2007	5	Sick Leave
2007	6	WIPO: Intellegence Property for Decision Makers, Geneva
2007	1	Parliament Cape Town, Companies Bill workshop to PC
2007	1	Decentralisation initiative: Visit Eastern Cape Development Corporation & Post Office
2007	4	Govtech held in Cape Town
2007	5	Brazil, Tri-Nations Summit
2007	8	Geneva, WIPO General Assemblies
2007	5	Canada, Canadian IP Office
2007	4	Nigeria, International Conference for Company Registries in Africa
2007	4	Ghana, Premier League of Leaders in Africa
<b>Total for 2007</b>	<b>52 days</b>	

2008	8	International Trade Mark Association (INTS/IP) Australia Trade Mark Regattta, Asia-Pacific Region in Sydney, Australia. IP Australia Senior Trade Marks official forum in Sydney, IP Australia Office in Canberra for benchmarking
2008	5	Corporate Registers Forum 2008, Vancouver, Canada
2008	3	Promote CIPRO's decentralisation program in Port Elizabeth, East London, Cape Town
2008	5	Attend SITA's annual ICT conference (Govtech) in Durban
2008	2	Promote CIPRO's decentralisation program in KZN
2008	1	Visit LIBSA office Limpopo
2008	2	Interviews of Office Manager for Cape Town office, visit Thusong Centres and new dti premises
2008	9	WIPO General Assemblies - Geneva
2008	8	6th International Exhibition of Inventors in Su Zhou and visit the Beijing IP Office, visit IP Offices in Calcutta, India (benchmarking purposes)
2008	5	Executive Committee Meeting of the Corporate Registrars Forum, Singapore
2008	5	International Seminar on author's Rights in Fortaleza, Brazil partially sponsored by UNDP
2008	19	Annual Leave
2008	18	Sick Leave
2008	4	Special Leave

2008	5	Family Responsibility
<b>Total for 2008</b>	<b>99 days</b>	
2009	2	Attend Service Level Agreement Ceremony, Dept of Economic Development, KZN
2009	3	Decentralisation Initiative: Bonteheuwel TSC, Red Door, National Library Co-ordinators Cape Town Office, West Coast Business Development Centre
2009	5	Corporate Registers Forum, Cape Town - hosted by CIPRO
2009	1	Cape Town attend WEF Africa Gala Dinner
2009	2	Cape Town, Parliament, <b>the dti</b> strategic planning & budget session
2009	1	Decentralisation Initiative: visit LIBSA Polokwane, Limpopo province
2009	2	Cape Town, Parliament, Budget Vote & Luncheon
2009	2	Decentralisation Partner visit, DEDKZN & Chamber of Commerce in Durban
2009	1	Decentralisation Partner visit, Department of Economic Development & Planning, Nelspruit
2009	3	Attend Service Level Agreement Ceremony, Simunye Community Centre, Plettenberg Bay, Cape Town Office
2009	3	African Regional Intellectual Property Organisation (AIRPO) 33rd Administrative Council Session, Botswana
2009	5	5th Global Congress on Combating Counterfeiting and Piracy, Cancun, Mexico
2009	29	Annual Leave

2009	12	Sick Leave
2009	2	Special Leave
<b>Total for 2009</b>	<b>73 days</b>	
<b>Grand total for the period 2007-2009</b>	<b>224 days out of the office</b>	