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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 1597**

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**"Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

1. **Has her department considered approaching Sentech to enter into a partnership regarding Sentech's possible purchase of a satellite?**

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**REPLY:**

No, the Department of Science and Technology (DST) has not yet considered approaching Sentech to enter into a partnership regarding Sentech's purchase of a satellite. However, the DST and the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services are in the process of developing a national Satellite Communication Strategy, which will provide guidance for the procurement of a communications satellite.