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For Written Reply

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**Mr JH Steenhuisen (DA) to ask the Minister of State Security**

1. Whether, with reference to a certain matter (details furnished), he has obtained the requisite security clearance since his appointment of Minister of State Security; if so, what requisite legal provisions were relied upon for the clearance obtained; if not,
2. Whether he has access to classified state information since his appointment as Minister of State Security; if so, what requisite legal provisions are relied upon for accessing classified state information?

**RESPONSE:**

1. The State Security Agency (SSA) adheres to the principles of the Minimum Information Security Standards that provide that, “Political appointees will not be vetted, unless the President so requests, or the relevant contract so provides.” [Paragraph 1.5, Chapter 5].
2. In light of the above, question 2 becomes immaterial.