**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND COMMUNICATION TELLS DEPARTMENT TO MEET ITS SET DEADLINE ON DIGITAL MIGRATION**

**Parliament, Friday, 3 June 2022 –** The Department of Communication and Digital Technologies briefed the Select Committee on Public Enterprises and Communication  on the planned time-frame on migration from analogue to the digital platform by the rest of the country and the availability and distribution of set-top boxes to indigent households.

In welcoming the department’s high-level progress report which commits the department  to meeting the court set deadline for full digital migration by the end of June 2022, the Chairperson of the committee, Hon Zolani Mkiva,told the department that the committee would resolutely monitor the department’s progress towards meeting the deadline.

According to the department’s report, 172 (163 SABC and 9 Etv) analogue transmitters had already been switched off while all remaining analogue transmitters will be switched off by the identified deadline in 30 June 2022

Should the department not be in a position to meet the set deadlines of 30 June, it should inform all stakeholders in advance to avoid any unnecessary backlash.

**ISSUED BY THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMUNICATION SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND COMMUNICATION, HON ZOLANI MKIVA (MP)**

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