

**DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC ENTERPRISES**

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**QUESTION FOR WRITEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO: PQ 26**

**26. Ms C Visser (North West: DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

1. When last did his department use a white hat hacker to identify possible security gaps in their information technology system and cyber security threats;
2. Whether he will (a) employ such a hacker or (b) request the relevant Sector Education and Training Authorities to employ it; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CW29E

**REPLY:**

The Department is constantly reviewing its IT security. Where weaknesses have been identified, they were corrected. To further strengthen its IT security, a process has been started to have a permanent capacity in the unit.