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**Mr D J Stubbe (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

(1)   What is the status of the legal action he initiated in the North Gauteng High Court to review the decision by the Independent Communications Authority of SA (ICASA) to issue the Invitation to Apply to participate in a spectrum auction;

(2)   Have negotiations with ICASA to resolve the impasse on this issue been held; if so, what is the nature of these negotiations? NW1134E

**REPLY**

**I am being advised by the Department as follows:**

1. The matter between the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services and the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) is still pending in the High Court. The application consisted of two parts:, Part A, the High Court granted an order interdicting and preventing ICASA from implementing the licensing steps and processes referred or contemplated in the Invitation to Apply. In respect of Part B, namely the review application, this part is pending.
2. Yes, the Department is engaging ICASA on the implementation of the Integrated ICT Policy White Paper.