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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1044**

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**Mr E J Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

Whether (a) she and (b) her department and/or any entities reporting to her (i) entered into any agreements with and (ii) received any sponsorships and/or services from (aa) Sahara Holdings, (bb) Oakbay Investments, (cc) The New Age Media, (dd) Vusizwe Media, (ee) Mabengela, (ff) Islandsite Investments 255, (gg) Afripalm Horizons Stakes, (hh) Dunrose Investments and/or (ii) JIC Mining Services since 1 May 2014; if so, what are the (aaa) relevant details and (bbb) costs involved in each specified case? NW1176E

**REPLY: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**Department of Communications:**

(a) The Minister and (b) the Department have not (i) entered into any agreements with and (ii) received any sponsorships and/or services from (aa) Sahara Holdings, (bb) Oakbay Investments, (cc) The New Age Media, (dd) Vusizwe Media, (ee) Mabengela, (ff) Islandsite Investments 255, (gg) Afripalm Horizons Stakes, (hh) Dunrose Investments and/or (ii) JIC Mining Services since 1 May 2014.

**Government Communication and Information System (GCIS):**

(b)(i) GCIS has not entered into any agreements with (aa) Sahara Holdings, (bb) Oakbay Investments, (dd) Vusizwe Media, (ee) Mabengela, (ff) Islandsite Investments 255, (gg) Afripalm Horizons Stakes, (hh) Dunrose Investments and/or (ii) JIC Mining Services since 1 May 2014.

The the Department has however transacted with (cc) The New Age Media to procure advertising. (aaa) Payments made from the budget appropriated to Government Communication and information System (GCIS) to The New Age Media are detailed in the table (bbb) below:

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|  | **2014/2015** |  |
| Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) | Database registration | R 14 945.40 |
|  | Profiling Campaign | R 720 990.72 |
|  | Recruitment | R 301 195.75 |
|  | Recruitment Phase 3 | R 57 078.43 |
|  | SONA 2014 | R 100 137.60 |
|  | SONA 2015 | R 101 888.64 |
| **Total Government Communication and Information System (GCIS)** |  | **R 1 296 236.54** |
|  | **2015/2016** |  |
| Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) | SONA 2016 | R 145 555.20 |
|  | Voter Education | R 81 874.80 |
| **Total Government Communication and Information System (GCIS)** |  | **R227 430.00** |

**South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC):**

(b) (i) Yes

(ii) Yes

(cc) Yes

(aaa) 1. New Age newspaper subscription.

2. The SABC and The New Age (TNA) have an agreement that the SABC will cover live all the TNA Business Breakfasts. This agreement is for a period of three years. The agreement stipulates that the TNA will arrange and organise the Business Breakfasts by providing the venue (as well as catering) and secure the participants. The SABC in turn broadcasts the event. The advantage for the SABC is the acquisition of content.

(bbb) 1. R 733,930.

2. Nil

**Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA):**

The Authority has not (i) entered into any agreements with and did not (ii) receive any sponsorships and/or services from (aa) Sahara Holdings, (bb) Oakbay Investments, (cc) The New Age Media, (dd) Vusizwe Media, (ee) Mabengela, (ff) Islandsite Investments 255, (gg) Afripalm Horizons Stakes, (hh) Dunrose Investments and/or (ii) JIC Mining Services since 1 May 2014.

**Film and Publications Board (FPB):**

The Film and Publication Board bought a table for The New Age business breakfast in the 2014/15 financial year for an amount of R 14 261.40.

**Brand South Africa (BSA):**

Brand South Africa has not (i) entered into any agreements with and did not (ii) receive any sponsorships and/or services from (aa) Sahara Holdings, (bb) Oakbay Investments, (cc) The New Age Media, (dd) Vusizwe Media, (ee) Mabengela, (ff) Islandsite Investments 255, (gg) Afripalm Horizons Stakes, (hh) Dunrose Investments and/or (ii) JIC Mining Services since 1 May 2014.

**Media Diversity and Development Agency (MDDA):**

MDDA has not (i) entered into any agreements with and did not (ii) receive any sponsorships and/or services from (aa) Sahara Holdings, (bb) Oakbay Investments, (cc) The New Age Media, (dd) Vusizwe Media, (ee) Mabengela, (ff) Islandsite Investments 255, (gg) Afripalm Horizons Stakes, (hh) Dunrose Investments and/or (ii) JIC Mining Services since 1 May 2014.

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