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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr M S Malatsi (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

What amount has (a) Independent Communications Authority of South Africa, (b) Sentech, (c) the Universal Service and Access Agency of South Africa, (d) the Films and Publication Board, spent on (i) flowers, (ii) cards, (iii) wreaths and (iv) gifts in the past eight financial years?

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**REPLY:**

**I have been advised by the SOEs as follows:**

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| **SOEs** | 1. **Flowers** | **(ii) Cards** | **(iii) Wreaths** | **(iv) Gifts** |
| ICASA | R500.00 | - | - | R8 250.00 |
| Sentech | R63 905.00 | R15 878.00 | R4 322.00 | R55 273.00 |
| USAASA | - | - | - | - |
| FPB | - | - | - | - |

* **ICASA** implemented the cost cutting measures as issued by National Treasury under Instruction Note 03 of 2017/18. The spending for flowers, cards, wreaths and gifts are classified under the staff welfare account. The above expenditure is as per ICASA’s employee value proposition and in terms of the then applicable HR Policies.
* **Sentech** has an employee benefits policy which regulates the buying of gifts and arrangement of long service and retirement functions. As part of their employee wellness and support initiatives the company normally hosts memorial services for deceased employees as well as buying flowers and wreaths for their employees who have passed away.
* **USAASA** and FPB indicated that no flowers, cards, wreaths and gifts were bought in the past eight (8) years.

**Authorised for submission by**

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**DATE:**

**Recommended/not recommended**

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**HON. PHILLY MAPULANE, MP**

**DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

**DATE:**

**Approved/ not approved**

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**HON. KHUMBUDZO NTSHAVHENI, MP**

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

**DATE:**