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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

(a) What amount did (i) her department and (ii) state entities reporting to her spend on each newspaper subscription in each month (aa) in the (aaa) 2011-12, (bbb) 2012-13 and (ccc) 2013-14 financial years and (bb) during the period 1 April 2014 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) how many copies of each newspaper were ordered on each day of the week (i) in each specified financial year and (ii) during the period 1 April 2014 up to the latest specified date for which information is available? NW1312E

**REPLY: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**(i)**

1. The Government Communication and Information Systems (GCIS) does not subscribe with any media house but follow the normal procurement process as per PFMA and PPPFA through which the prospective service providers are invited to bid for supplying and delivering of various newspapers for the period of six months. The department does not hold subscriptions with any media house. The GCIS procures newspapers for the Department of Communications.

The following amounts were spent on newspapers during the financial year, (aaa) 2011 – 2012 R671 607.39

(bbb) 2012 – 2013 R678 410.40

(ccc) 2013 – 2014 R670 473.96

(bb) 2014 – 2015 R793 916.44.

1. **Financial Year 2011/2012 (**R671 607.39)

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| **Name of the newspaper** | **Number of copies per day** | **Quantity of newspaper procured per year** |
| Beeld | 10 | 4698 |
| Business Day | 44 | 3079 |
| Citizen | 25 | 9614 |
| Daily Sun | 15 | 6003 |
| TNT Media | 32 | 3872 |
| Pretoria News | 35 | 12015 |
| Sowetan | 45 | 15094 |
| Star | 46 | 14834 |
| Financial Mail | 3 | 152 |
| Mail & Guardian | 45 | 2934 |
| Rapport | 5 | 832 |
| DIAMOND Fields Advertiser | 4 | 522 |
| Cape times | 8 | 1364 |
| Saturday Star | 5 | 832 |
| Pretoria news Saturday | 5 | 676 |
| Beeld Saturday | 5 | 676 |
| Sunday Times | 10 | 156 |
| Sunday World | 5 | 60 |
| The Times | 7 | 522 |
| City Press | 10 | 5176 |
| Sunday independent | 10 | 1468 |
| Sunday sun | 10 | 1222 |
| Citizen Saturday | 5 | 416 |

1. **Financial Year 2012/2013 (**R678 410.40)

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| **Name of the newspaper** | **Number of copies per day (Monday to Friday)** | **Quantity of newspaper procured per year** |
| Beeld | 20 | 5260 |
| Business Day | 44 | 11572 |
| Citizen | 31 | 8153 |
| Daily Sun | 33 | 8679 |
| New Age | 37 | 9731 |
| Pretoria News | 46 | 12098 |
| Sowetan | 50 | 13150 |
| Star | 49 | 12887 |
| Financial Mail | 23 | 6049 |
| Mail & Guardian | 52 | 13676 |
| Rapport | 7 | 1841 |
| Saturday Pretoria News | 4 | 208 |
| Saturday Citizen | 4 | 208 |
| Saturday Star | 5 | 260 |
| Sunday Independent | 12 | 624 |
| Sunday Sun | 15 | 780 |
| Sunday Times | 16 | 832 |
| Sunday World | 9 | 468 |
| The Times | 25 | 1300 |
| City Press | 12 | 624 |

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| **Name of the newspaper** | **Number of copies per day (Monday to Sunday )** | **Quantity of newspaper procured per year** |
| Beeld | 26 | 6 838 |
| Business Day | 53 | 13 939 |
| Citizen | 38 | 9994 |
| Daily Sun | 50 | 13150 |
| New Age | 43 | 11 309 |
| Pretoria News | 57 | 14991 |
| Sowetan | 61 | 16043 |
| Star | 63 | 16569 |
| Financial Mail | 34 | 8942 |
| Mail & Guardian | 59 | 15517 |
| Rapport | 16 | 4208 |
| Beeld Naweek | 4 | 208 |
| Saturday Pretoria News | 12 | 624 |
| Saturday Citizen | 12 | 624 |
| Saturday Star | 12 | 624 |
| Sunday Independent | 22 | 1144 |
| Sunday Sun | 18 | 936 |
| Sunday Times | 27 | 1404 |
| Sunday World | 19 | 988 |
| The Times | 48 | 2496 |
| City Press | 38 | 1976 |

1. **Financial Year 2013/2014 (**R670 473.96)

**ii. Financial Year 2014/2015 (**R793 916.44)

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| **Name of the newspaper** | **Number of copies per day (Monday to Sunday)** | **Number of copies per year** |
| Beeld | 18 | 4 734 |
| Business Day | 42 | 11 046 |
| Citizen | 30 | 7 890 |
| Daily Sun | 35 | 9 206 |
| New Age | 37 | 9 731 |
| Pretoria News | 46 | 12 098 |
| Sowetan | 48 | 12 624 |
| Star | 49 | 12 887 |
| Financial Mail | 24 | 6 312 |
| Mail & Guardian | 52 | 13 676 |
| Rapport | 7 | 1 841 |
| Beeld Naweek | 3 | 156 |
| Saturday Pretoria News | 4 | 208 |
| Saturday Citizen | 4 | 208 |
| Saturday Star | 5 | 260 |
| Sunday Independent | 14 | 728 |
| Sunday Sun | 8 | 416 |
| Sunday Times | 16 | 832 |
| Sunday World | 9 | 468 |
| The Times | 25 | 1300 |
| City Press | 13 | 676 |

(ii)

**BrandSA**

(aaa) 2011/2012: R49 195.25

(bbb) 2012/2013: R55 694.40

(ccc) 2013/14: R72 221.17

(bb) 2014/15: R23 432.00

1. The number of copies of each newspaper that were ordered are as follows:
2. **2011/2012**: 3 copies of each newspaper were ordered on each day of the week.

**2012/2013**: 4 copies of each newspaper were ordered on each day of the week.

**2013/2014**: 6 copies of each newspaper were ordered on each day of the week.

1. **2014/2015**: 2 copies of each newspaper were ordered on each day of the week.

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

(aaa) **2011/2012**: R262 282.55

(bbb) **2012/2013:** R305 856.65

(ccc) **2013/2014:** R242 110.14

(bb) **2014/2015:** R93 261.51

1. The number of copies of each newspaper that were ordered are as follows:
2. **2011/2012:** Daily purchase: 18 copies of the Sowetan, 40 copies of The Star, 1 copy of The Star (afternoon edition), 36 Business Day, 38 Mail and Guardian (weekly), 28 Financial Mail, 28 Citizen on Thursdays and 7 copies daily, 1 copy of the Beeld, 1 copy of the Finance Week, 4 copies of The Economist on Mondays, 3 copies of the Financial Times on Thursdays, 1 copy of the Daily Sun, 2 copies of the Saturday Star, 4 copies of the City Press, 4 copies of the Sunday Times,1 copy of the Sunday Independent, 1 copy of the Sunday Sun, 1 copy of the Sunday World.

**2012/2013:** 2011/2012: Daily purchase: 18 copies of the Sowetan, 40 copies of The Star, 1 copy of The Star (afternoon edition), 36 Business Day, 38 Mail and Guardian (weekly), 28 Financial Mail, 7 Citizen, 1 copy of the Beeld, 1 copy of the Finance Week, 4 copies of The Economist on Mondays, 3 copies of the Financial Times on Thursdays, 1 copy of the Daily Sun, 2 copies of the Saturday Star, 4 copies of the City Press, 4 copies of the Sunday Times,1 copy of the Sunday Independent, 1 copy of the Sunday Sun, 1 copy of the Sunday World.

**2013/2014:** Daily purchase: 17 copies of the Sowetan, 41 copies of The Star, 1 copy of The Star (afternoon edition), 35 Business Day, 39 Mail and Guardian (weekly), 27 Financial Mail (Thursdays), 7 Citizen, 1 copy of the Beeld, 1 copy of the Finance Week (Thursdays), 4 copies of The Economist on Mondays, 3 copies of the Financial Times on Thursdays, 1 copy of the Daily Sun, 1 copy of the Saturday Star, 3 copies of the City Press, 3 copies of the Sunday Times,1 copy of the Sunday Independent, 1 copy of the Sunday Sun, 1 copy of the Sunday World and 1 copy of the Engineering News (weekly).

1. **2014/2015:** Daily purchase: 9 copies of the Sowetan, 11 copies of The Star, 1 copy of The Star (Saturday), 12 Business Day, 8 Mail and Guardian (weekly), 3 Financial Mail (Thursdays), 1 Citizen, 1 copy of the Beeld, 3 copies of the Financial Mail on Thursdays, 1 copy of the Daily Sun, 1 copy of the Saturday Star, 1 copy of the City Press, 1 copy of the Sunday Times,1 copy of the Sunday Independent, 1 copy of the Sunday Sun, 1 copy of the Sunday World and 1 copy of Fin Week (weekly).

**Film and Publication Board**

(aaa) **2011/2012**: R806.04

(bbb) **2012/2013:** R8144.76

(ccc) **2013/2014:** R6959.28

(bb) **2014/2015:** R8250.46

(b)

1. Newspapers purchased for each financial year:

Sowetan: 2 copies daily and 480 per year

The Star: 2 copies daily and 480 per year

Business Day: 2 copies daily and 480 per year

City Press: 2 copies weekly and 96 copies per year

Sunday Times: 2 copies weekly and 96 copies per year

Mail & Guardian: 2 copies weekly and 96 copies per year

1. Same as above

**MDDA**

(aaa) **2011/2012:** R 8899.59

(bbb) **2012/2013:** R 9038.88

(ccc) **2013/2014:** R 7079.64

(bb) **2014/2015:** R6543.12

(b)The MDDA order two copies of the following newspapers per day for the week:

i) **2011/2012:** Financial Mail, Mail and Guardian, Citizen, The Star and Business Day

**2012/2013:** Financial Mail, Mail and Guardian, Citizen, The New Age and Business Day.

**2013/2014**: Publisher, Financial Mail, Mail and Guardian, The Star and The New Age.

ii)**2014/2015:** Financial Mail, Business Day and Sowetan

**SABC**

(a)

**THE NEW AGE NEWSPAPER**

(aaa) **2011/12:** R238 356,52

(bbb) **2013/14:** R337 662.80 and

(ccc) **2014/2015:** R43 887.50

**MEDIA 24**

(aaa) **2009/2010:** R229 886.11

(bbb) **2011/2012:** R269 403.00 and

(ccc) **2013**  R104 910.93 financial years R619 906.82

SABC procures Media 24 subscriptions through Times Media Group due to varying procurement processes

**TIMES MEDIA GROUP**

(aaa) **2011/2012**: R1 659 736 .72

(bbb) **2013/2014:** R2 120 559.82 and

(ccc) **2015:** R702 899.50

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