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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.: 1196**

**Ms V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

(1) Whether the Chief Operating Officer of the Films and Publication Board (FPB) is currently on suspension; if so, since what date;

(2) whether any steps were taken by the FPB against the specified person for allegedly plagiarising parts of the FPB’s draft policy directly from an Australian publication entitled *Guiding Principles for Reform*; if not, why not; if so, what (a) are the full details and (b) were the outcomes of the steps taken? NW1337E

**REPLY**

(1) Yes, since from 17 March 2017.

(2) (a)(b) the FPB conducts benchmarking studies in different jurisdictions and the work on the Online Regulation Policy was a culmination of such studies.