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**Mrs. M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

With reference to his reply to question 4130 on 19 November 2015, what are the details of the process being undertaken to identify and appoint the lead agency for SA Connect?

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**REPLY:**

The process being undertaken by the Department involves detailed analysis of the various options that will facilitate the roll-out of broadband infrastructure and services in a cost effective and expedited manner whilst ensuring that there is value for money for Government. This will ensure that Government achieves its policy objectives of universal broadband services within the short period of time as outlined in the South Africa Connect targets.