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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 126**

**Ms T Gqada (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

(1) Are any regulatory amendments to the Broadcasting Act, Act 4 of 1999, being drafted to waive the requirements for recipients of the government-subsidised set-top boxes to have valid TV licenses; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details; (2) whether any discussions have taken place with the SA Broadcasting Corporation on the specified issue; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant  details of (a) any such discussions and (b) any (i) decisions and/or (ii) action plans emanating from the specified discussions?  NW126E

**REPLY: DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

1. No amendments to the Broadcasting Act, Act 4 of 1999 have been drafted for the waiver of TV Licenses.
2. The need for TV license as a requirement for recipients of the government subsidized set-top-boxes issue has been tabled by the DoC before the SABC Executive Management. Various options have been proposed in dealing with the matter. The SABC Board will make a final call on the matter, taking into cognizance all legal and policy implications of the various options being explored.

**MR NN MUNZHELELE**

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