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

1. (a) How much funding has been allocated for the Virtual Cyber Security Hub hosted by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research for the 2016-17 financial year and (b) what are the specific deliverables that the specified hub must deliver against these funds;
2. (a) how much funding has been allocated for the specified hub for the (i) 2017-18 and (ii) 2018-19 financial years and (b) what items and programmes will the funding be spent on in each of the specified years;
3. whether his department is the sole funder of the specified hub; if not, (a) what is the name of any other funder, (b) what is the financial contribution of each other funder and (c) what are the specific items and programmes to be delivered against these funds in each case, respectively; if so, what is the position in this regard;

1. (a) How much did his department spend in each year that it contributed to the specified hub and (b) what items and programmes were these funds spent on in each specified year?

**REPLY:**

**I have been advised by the Department as follows:-**

(1)(a) The amount allocated to the Cybersecurity Hub for the 2016/2017 financial year is R 16, 418, 000.00

(b) Specific deliverables include

* Formalise engagements with stakeholder, which supports the sharing and technical integration of cybersecurity incident information
* Operationalisation of the Proactive and Reactive services
* Increased functionality of Hub’s tools
* Assist in the enablement and establishment of sector CERTs
* Dissemination of incident and thereat information to stakeholders
* Undertaking of a cybersecurity awareness programs which includes upgrade of the Hub’s website functionality

(2)(a)(i) In the 2017/2018 financial year R 15, 325, 000.00 has been allocated

(ii) In the 2018/2019 financial year R 12, 297, 000.00has been allocated

It should be noted that the allocated budget for these two financial years are subject to change as the MTSF is yet to be finalised.

(b) The monies will be used as follows:

* Obtaining international certification for the Hub
* Establishment of both private and public sector industry specific CERTs
* Integration of incident information
* Development and deployment of cybersecurity audit and readiness tools
* Ongoing awareness programs

(3)(a) The Department is the sole funder of the Hub

(b) N/A

(c) N/A

(4)(a) In the 2014/2015 financial year R 18 533 013 was allocated

In the 2015/2016 financial year R 15 156 157 was allocated

(b) In the 2014/2015 financial year the monies were used for:

* Establishment of the Hub
* Development of Operational Processes
* Development of Policies and Procedures

In the 2015/2016 financial year the monies were used for:

* Research
* Technical and operational support
* System integration
* Facilities, facilities maintenance
* Infrastructure costs
* Stakeholder engagement