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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1291**

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**Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

(1)(a) Why have letters been sent to two certain successful set-top box tender winners (names furnished) asking them to verify that they qualify in terms of certain tenders (details furnished) to produce their allocation of set-top boxes, (b) what is the current status of the interactions with the specified companies and (c) what further action is she contemplating in this regard; (2) will the process of evaluating bidders for the supply of set-top boxes according to the specified tenders be re-opened; if not, why not; if so, what are the reasons? NW1439E

**REPLY: THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

(1) (a) The Universal Service and Access Agency for South Africa (USAASA), which is the entity charged with the responsibility of managing the production and installation of set top boxes, informed me that, it has never sent any letters to Leratadima and Bua regarding the matters raised in this question.

 (b) N/A

(b) The tendering process will not be re-opened because it was an open process.

**MR NN MUNZHELELE**

**DIRECTOR GENERAL [ACTING]**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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**MS AF MUTHAMBI (MP)**

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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