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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms S P Kopane (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

(1) How many staff members have left the Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA) since the previous Chief Executive Officer, Mr Lumko Mtimde, left the MDDA in June 2014;(2) (a) how many MDDA staff members have been investigated on disciplinary grounds by the acting senior management of the MDDA since 1 June 2014, (b) what are the (i) names of the staff members investigated and (ii) reasons in each case, (c) by whom were the staff members investigated, (d) how many were found guilty and (e) what were the charges in each case; (3) whether any of the disciplinary investigations against any of the specified staff members were carried out without following proper procedures which resulted in their resignations before processes could be completed; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details; (4) whether she will make all supporting documents of the specified investigations available; if not, why not; if so, by when; (5) what type of information disseminated by a MDDA staff member will result in disciplinary investigations given that the MDDA is a public entity and must be open and transparent?

**REPLY: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

(1) The staff members who have left the MDDA since the previous Chief Executive Officer, Mr Lumko Mtimde, totals 11.

(2) (a) No MDDA staff members have been investigated on disciplinary grounds by the acting senior management of the MDDA since 1 June 2014.

(b) (i) Not applicable as no staff have been investigated on disciplinary grounds by the acting senior management of the MDDA since 1 June 2014.

(ii) Not applicable as no staff have been investigated on disciplinary grounds by the acting senior management of the MDDA since 1 June 2014.

(c) Not applicable as no staff have been investigated on disciplinary grounds by the acting senior management of the MDDA since 1 June 2014.

(d) Not applicable as no staff have been investigated on disciplinary grounds by the acting senior management of the MDDA since 1 June 2014.

(e) Not applicable as no staff have been investigated on disciplinary grounds by the acting senior management of the MDDA since 1 June 2014.

(3) Not applicable as no staff have been investigated on disciplinary grounds by the acting senior management of the MDDA since 1 June 2014.

(4) Not applicable as no staff have been investigated on disciplinary grounds by the acting senior management of the MDDA since 1 June 2014.

(5) Any information that might bring the Agency into disrepute, which is disseminated by a MDDA staff member will result in disciplinary investigations given that the MDDA is a public entity and must be open and transparent.

**MR NN MUNZHELELE**

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**DATE:**

**MS AF MUTHAMBI (MP)**

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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