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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1361**

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**Ms N W A Mazzone (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

(1) With reference to her reply to question 855 on 13 April 2015, does the SA Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) choir still exist; if so, (a) is it paid for by the SABC and (b) how much was budgeted for the specified choir in the (i) 2015-16 and (ii) 2016-17 financial years; (2) does the choir still sing songs about the SABC Chief Operations Officer, Mr Hlaudi Motsoeneng, during staff meetings; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the words of the songs that the choir sings? NW1510E

**REPLY: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

(1) Yes the Choir still exists.

(a) Yes it is funded by the SABC.

(b)(i) R3 745 Million.

(b)(ii) R3 780 Million.

(2) SABC Choir does not sing songs about the said person during staff meetings.

Only one verse was sung in a single staff meeting with the lyrics “Hlaudi Motsoeneng reya o leboha”(“Hlaudi Motsoeneng we thank you”) . This verse was spontaneous and was not composed by the subject of the verse nor was it composed under his direction/ and or influence.

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