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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1438.     Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

What is the total amount of money that has been paid from the National Revenue Fund into the Universal Service Access Fund since 1 April 2005?

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**REPLY:**

**Universal Service and Access Fund (USAF) – Cabinet approved Appropriations from the National Revenue Fund (NRF)**

Between 2005/06 and as at 31 May 2017, a total of R2.8 billion was transferred to the Universal Service and Access Fund (USAF). This was done through the budget vote of the Department of Communications between 2005/06 to 2014/15 and the budget vote of the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services from 2015/16 to date.

These allocations are comprised of funding of R501 million for projects related to its universal service and access mandate, as well as R2.3 billion for the Broadcasting Digital Migration project to pay for subsidies for Set Top Boxes (STBs), antennae and installation costs to qualifying poor households. The table below illustrates the funding allocated:



Source: ENE 2009 – ENE 2017