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**Mr H B Groenewald (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

What (a) is the budget allocated to the process of researching and writing all envisaged new legislation and amendments to existing legislation pertaining to the (i) Postal Services Amendment Bill, (ii) South African Post Office SOC Ltd Amendment Bill and (iii) Ikamva National e**-**Skills Institute **(***iNeSI*) Bill, (b) proportion of the projected expenditure will be spent on (aa) departmental resources and (bb) external resources, such as specialist consultants and (c) is the timeline drawn up to complete the drafting and submission to Cabinet of each piece of legislation?

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**REPLY:**

**I have been advised by the department as follows:**

1. There is no budget allocation for researching, writing and conducting socio economic impact assessments or public hearings, since such processes will be conducted internally with the assistance of the Department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation and Office of the Chief State Law Advisor.
2. The only estimated expenditure is for the publication of each Bill in the Gazette amounting R150, 000. 00.

 (c) In line with the approved Annual Performance Plan, the Department will submit the draft Bills to Cabinet for approval and for public consultation in third quarter of the 2017/18 financial year.