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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**DATE OF REPLY:**

**Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

(1) Whether (a) his department and entities reporting to him and/or (b) any other government department will be underwriting the costs of staging the International Telecommunication Union’s (ITU) Information Communication Technology (ICT) event to be held in Durban in September 2018; if so, (i) what will it cost to stage the event, (ii) what are the detailed breakdown of the costs, (iii) which department will be underwriting the costs, (iv) why will the costs be underwritten and (v) from which budget allocations will the costs be underwritten;

(2)    Whether the (a) President and/or (b) Cabinet granted approval for the ITU ICT event to take place; if so, what are the details of (i) the title of the document, (ii) the date on which the document was signed and (iii) who signed the document;

(3)    Whether he will furnish Mrs M R Shinn with a copy of the specified document?    NW1668E

**REPLY:**

**I have been advised by the Department that:**

(1)(a) No, however funding for the event will be sourced through sponsorship. The Department will only be responsible for the travel expenses of the ITU including pre-event missions.

(b) No

(2) Yes. The Cabinet approved the hosting in September 2017.

(3) No. Cabinet Memoranda are classified documents.

**Approved / not approved**

**Dr Siyabonga Cwele, MP**

**Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services**

**Date:**