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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

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

(1)        Whether (a) his department and/or entities reporting to him and/or (b) any other government department appointed any service providers to (i) organise, (ii) stage and/or (iii) manage the International Telecommunication Union’s Information Communication Technology event to be held in Durban in September 2018; if so, (aa) what are the details of the processes followed, (bb) what are the details of who was appointed and (cc)(aaa) who will pay for the services of the service providers and (bbb) within what time frame;

(2)        Whether (a) his department and/or entities reporting to him and/or (b) any other government department will pay the expenses of any speaker or participant at the specified event; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;

(3)        (a) how will the event be financed and (b) to whom do sponsors, exhibitors and delegates pay their fees?      NW1669E

**REPLY:**

1. (a) –(b) No.
2. No speaker will be paid by Department or its entities.
3. (a) The event will be financed mostly by sponsorship

 (b) Host Country sponsors are encouraged to support the event through sponsorship in kind by procuring the required services directly or pay the Department (DTPS), via the National Revenue Fund (NRF), as per Section 21.2.2 of the Treasury Regulations.

**Approved/ not approved**

**Dr Siyabonga Cwele, MP**

**Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services**

**Date:**