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

1. (a) On which date was the ICT Policy Review White Paper delivered to Cabinet, (b) what are the full details of the processes that the specified paper has gone through since being delivered to Cabinet and (c) when is the specified paper expected to be tabled before Cabinet for approval;
2. Whether any private sector stakeholders are in discussions with Cabinet’s communications committee to amend the specified paper before it is tabled for approval; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so (a) what are the names of the private sector stakeholders; (b) what matters have been discussed in each case and (c) what was the outcome of each such discussion to date? NW1774E

**REPLY**

1. (a) The National Integrated ICT Policy White Paper was tabled before the ESEID Cabinet Committee on 09 March 2016.

(b) The Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services was directed to further consult with key stakeholder Departments, which was done.

(c) It is envisaged that the National Integrated ICT Policy White

 Paper will be finalised within next few months.

1. (a) The Department is not aware of any private sector stakeholders being in discussions with Cabinet’s Communications Committee to amend the specified paper before it is tabled for approval.

 (b) Not applicable (see 2(a).

 (c) Not applicable (see 2(a).