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**Dr P W A Mulder (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:†**

Whether his department has met the requirements of the Use of Official Languages Act, Act No 12 of 2012, according to which his department (a) has established an official language policy for the department and (b) instituted a language unit; if not, (i) why not and (ii) what steps he will take to ensure that the provisions of the Act are met; if so, what are the relevant particulars? NW2060E

**REPLY**

 I have been advised by the Department as follows:-

(a)The department has developed a draft language policy which is currently being consulted within the department. The draft policy will be approved by the Department’s Executive Committee for gazetting after 30 September 2016.

(b) The Department does not have a language unit in existence. As this is a new Department, a review process of the Department’s organizational structure in line with the new mandate is underway. Once the review process is complete and a new structure approved, the Department will fill all relevant posts.