

**PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO: 1854**

**Mrs D B Ngwenya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

1. Whether her department will consider scrapping television licence fees for pensioners and war veterans; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
2. whether her department considers the handing over of pensioners to attorneys for the collection of television licence fees a fair treatment for the senior citizens of the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

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

1. The department will, in due course, be consulting on the Draft White Paper Audio and Audiovisual Content Services Policy Framework: A New Vision for South Africa. It will be worthy to consider the category of individuals and institutions that should be considered for such a relief.
2. The collection of television licence fees is the responsibility of the SABC. The department has not adopted a position in this regard because the SABC has not engaged the department on the issue. As indicated above, this requires discussions and will be raised during public consultations.

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**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**