NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 188

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**188. Ms S J Graham (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) With reference to his reply to question 381 on 5 August 2019, (a) what number of the (i) 61 existing mobile units have been refurbished, (ii) 38 new trucks have been procured and (iii) refurbished and new trucks have been allocated to the Eastern Cape and (b) which areas in the Eastern Cape have benefited from the new modernisation process;

(2) has the uninterrupted network solution been finalised? NW209E

**REPLY:**

(1)(a)(i) Fifty-nine (59) units were refurbished.

(1)(a)(ii) Forty (41) units were newly procured to ramp up the numbers.

(1)(a)(iii) Nine (9) were refurbished and five (5) new trucks have been allocated to the Eastern Cape.

(1)(b) The areas are as follows:

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| **DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES THAT BENEFITED WITH MODERNISATION PROCESS** |
| **O. R. Tambo, and Alfred Nzo District**  |
| **Chris Hani, and Joe Gqabi District**  |
| **Amathole District, and Buffalo City Metro**  |
| **Nelson Mandela Bay Metro, and Sarah Baartman District**  |

1. To find a solution SITA and DHA have agreed upon:
2. A three year roadmap for the creation of alternative network routes within the Government Core Network; and
3. The proposed Software Defined Networking (SDN) model to be implemented on a case-by-case basis without negatively impacting the recent investments in networking equipment.

To date alternative network routes and alternative modes of connectivity have been deployed in partnership with SITA across not just ports of entry, mobile trucks and hospitals, but to front offices as well especially those offices highly impacted by cable theft.

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