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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

(a) How many meetings have been held by each of the four chambers reporting to the National ICT Forum, (b) when was each of the specified meetings held, (c) did each meeting quorate and (d) what decisions and/or plans of action were made at each of the meetings?      **NW2304E**

**REPLY:**

**I have been informed by Department :**

(a) The number of meetings held by the four (4) chambers reporting to the National ICT Forum are as follows:

**Social Chamber** – five (5)

**Economic Chamber** – three (3)

**Governance and Security Chamber** – three (3)

**ICTs and Disability Chamber** – four (4)

b) Each of the specified meetings were held on the following dates:

**Social Chamber** – 21 August 2015, 27 November 2015, 19 February 2016, 13 June 2016, and 9 September 2016.

**Economic Chamber** – 25 August 2015, 03 March 2016, and 27 September 2016.

**Governance and Security Chamber** – 17 August 2015, 07 December 2015, and 20 May 2016.

**ICTs and Disability Chamber** – 10 September 2015, 02 December 2015, 17 March 2016, and 20 July 2016.

c) Yes, each of the meetings did quorate.

d) Decisions/ plans of action made at each of the meetings are as follows:

**Social Chamber**

**21 August 2015**

* The draft terms of reference for the National ICT Forum was endorsed
* Agreement was reached on the issues to be tackled by the chamber

**27 November 2015**

* Working group conveners were nominated and appointed
* Portal for the National ICT Forum was proposed
* The chamber’s terms of reference was adopted

**19 February 2016**

* Working group terms of reference was agreed upon
* Scoping for the working groups was developed

**13 June 2016**

* Development and adoption of template for working group activities
* Key stakeholders for the work of the chamber were identified

**9 September 2016**

* Draft work programme of the chamber aligned with the DTPS Annual Performance Plan (APP) targets
* Working group reports were consolidated in preparation for meeting with the Minister
* The focus of the e-Agriculture Working Group was clarified

**Economic Chamber**

**25 August 2015**

* Draft terms of reference for the National ICT Forum was endorsed
* Agreement was reached on issues to be tackled by the chamber

**03 March 2016**

* Chairpersons of working groups were nominated and appointed
* Chamber’s draft work programme was endorsed
* Presentation for the National ICT Forum Workshop prepared

**27 September 2016**

* Presentation for National ICT Forum follow-up workshop was developed
* The chamber’s draft programme of action was endorsed

**Governance and Security Chamber**

**17 August 2015**

* Draft terms of reference for the National ICT Forum was endorsed
* Scoping for the chamber work was proposed
* Key stakeholders were identified

**07 December 2015**

* Draft terms of reference of the chamber was endorsed
* Working group conveners were nominated and appointed
* Draft terms of reference for the chamber was endorsed

**20 May 2016**

* Working group reports and draft programmes of action were consolidated
* The chamber’s draft programme of action was endorsed
* Presentation for National ICT Forum Workshop developed

**ICTs and Disability Chamber**

**10 September 2015**

* Confirmation of the Chairperson of the chamber
* Establishment of the Accessibility and Affordability Working Group

**02 December 2015**

* Scoping for the chamber developed and agreed
* Task Teams and confirmation of their chairpersons

**17 March 2016**

* The chamber’s draft programme of action was developed
* Presentation for the National ICT Forum Workshop was developed

**20 July 2016**

* The chamber’s draft programme of action was endorsed
* Presentation for the National ICT Forum Follow-up Workshop was developed