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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

(1) Have any specific criteria been developed to identify eligible households to receive a free set-top box as part of the revised Broadcasting Digital Migration Policy; if so,

(a) by whom were the criteria developed,

(b) on what date were the criteria published in the *Government Gazette* and (c) under what *Government Gazette* number;

(2) (a) how will eligible households be (i) identified and (ii) vetted to determine the legitimacy of their receipt of a set-top box, (b) who will carry out this process, (c) what is the projected cost of this process and (d) has the process begun? NW2311E

**REPLY: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

1. (a) The qualifying criteria was developed by the USAASA.

(b) The criteria was published on the 28th of October 2014 under gazette number 38134.

2. (a) According to USAASA, (i) (ii) the identification and vetting of the applicant will be done through the means test and (b) there have been business rules developed by the Agency and SAPO. The process will show the various checks and balances to ensure that the right recipients receive the boxes.

(c) R190 million is allocated for the distribution of Set-Top-Boxes.

(d) The process has not begun.

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