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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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

(1) Whether there is a shortfall of funds between the amount made available by the Universal Service and Access Fund and the projected costs of the production of the set-top boxes; if so, what does this shortfall amount to;

 (2) whether negotiations are underway with the National Treasury in order to secure additional funding to cover the shortfall; if so, at what stage are these negotiations? NW2312E

**REPLY: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

1. The available budget allocated for the provision of free set-top-boxes to five (5) million poor television household is R2, 523,642, 000. Shortfall to be established once the costing of the STBs has been determined.
2. Negotiations with National Treasury will be initiated once a shortfall figure, if any, has been identified.

**MR NDIVHUHO MUNZHELELE**

**[ACTING] DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DATE:**

**MS AF MUTHAMBI, MP**

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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