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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 2054 OF 2015**

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**Mr T R Majola (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

(a) What are the dates for the dual illumination period for the transition to broadcast digital migration, (b) what is the projected cost of the dual illumination period and (c) which departmental programme will finance the illumination period? NW2317E

**REPLY: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Dual illumination already exist in South Africa. We assume that dual illumination here is referred to the performance period. The performance period will be determined by the Minister in consultation with Cabinet in due course. The consultation timeline with Cabinet will be determined in consideration of a few factors:
* Bilateral engagement with neighbouring countries regarding harmonisation of frequency spectrum interference; and
* Pending court decision against the Government by eTV.

(b)

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| **DESCRIPTION** | **2015-2016** | **2016-2017** | **2017-2018** |
| Dual Illumination (Ex VAT) | R113, 975 542 | R120, 683, 617 | R129, 369, 314 |
| Dual Illumination (Incl. VAT) | R129, 932, 118 | R137, 579, 323 | R147, 481, 018 |

(c) Sentech has in its budget funding for Dual Illumination Period for 2015/16.

**MR NDIVHUHO MUNZHELELE**

**[ACTING] DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DATE:**

**MS AF MUTHAMBI, MP**

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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