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**2183. Ms T Bodlani (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: *[Interdepartmentally transferred from Communications and Digital Technologies with effect Friday, 10 June 2022]***

Whether his Office has put in place any plans in order to refurbish the (a) studios and (b) Imbizo Centre that are located within Parliament and are reportedly no longer utilised as a result of technological infrastructural challenges; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the full plans, including the (i) costs and (ii) timelines? **NW2589E**

**REPLY:**

a) GCIS can confirm that the Imbizo Centre and Cape Town Radio station are not operating due to technological infrastructure challenges. We have set aside in our current baseline a budget over the next three years to refurbish the Imbizo centre. With the available budget, it is envisaged that the refurbishment will be completed in the 2024/2025 financial year.

b) The costs to address the GCIS technological infrastructure challenges is estimated to be R10m. GCIS’s current budget is unable to absorb its costs. A funding request to address various GCIS Information and Communication Technology has been submitted to the National Treasury. The operational cost plans and timelines will only be committed once the departments have received a positive response from the National Treasury.

Thank You.