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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 2250**

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**Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

Whether any criminal charges have been laid against any (a) employee and/or (b) former employee of the Universal Service Access Agency of South Africa for (i) supply chain management irregularities and/or (ii) any other irregularity in the procurement process of government subsidised set-top boxes; if not, why not; if so, what are the (aa) names of each person charged to date and (bb) charges in each case? NW2580E

**REPLY: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

The Department of Communications commissioned an investigation conducted by the National Treasury on the procurement process of Set Top Boxes (STBs) and other associated accessories. No criminal charges have been laid against any employee and/or former employee of the Universal Service Access Agency of South Africa as the report is being processed. The department is, however, working with the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services (DTPS), as USAASA reports to Parliament via the DTPS, in considering actions to be taken based on the recommendations entailed in the report. .

**MR NN MUNZHELELE**

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**MS AF MUTHAMBI (MP)**

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