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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 2251**

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

Has her department concluded drawing up a comprehensive budget for submission to the National Treasury of all the anticipated costs to be incurred by (a) her department and (b) (i) government entities and (ii) their suppliers for the completion of the digital migration process until analogue switch-off; if not, what is the reason for the delay in the completion of the specified budget; if so, (aa) on what date was it submitted to the National Treasury and (bb) what are the further relevant details? NW2581E

**REPLY: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

1. The department has together with entities, namely, Universal Service Access Agency of South Africa (USAASA) and South African Post Office (SAPO) accompanied by the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services (DTPS) in August and September 2016 approached National Treasury to discuss the funding issues of the project. Funding is required for the Programme Management Office (PMO), Public and Consumer Awareness, Contact Centre, Dual Illumination, Set-top-boxes and related accessories such as antennae and satellite dishes as well as for installations. The department is in the process of facilitating the compilation of funding requirements with entities to submit to National Treasury in November 2016.
2. (ii) Suppliers are not involved in the submission of funding requirements to National Treasury.

**MR NN MUNZHELELE**

**DIRECTOR GENERAL [ACTING]**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DATE:**

**MS AF MUTHAMBI (MP)**

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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