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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

(a) What are the relevant details of Phase One of the Government’s broadband roll-out project, (b) what amount did it cost, (c) what is the breakdown of the amounts spent and (d) from which (i) department and/or (ii) programme were the funds allocated?

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**REPLY:**

I have been advised by the Department as follows:-

(a) Government will rollout broadband services in Eight District Municipalities targeting schools, health facilities, police stations, post offices and other government facilities. The eight districts are:

• Dr Kenneth Kaunda

• Gert Sibande

• O.R. Tambo

• Pixley ka Seme

• Thabo Mofutsanyane

• Umgungundlovu

• Umzinyathi

• Vhembe

This rollout programme represents the first phase of the national implementation of the Digital Development strategic pillar of South Africa Connect and it is delivered parallel to the programmes initiated by Gauteng and the Western Cape Province in an effort to deliver on the targets set in the National Broadband policy. The project will deliver the connectivity services via a mix of technologies in line with the South Africa Connect Policy objectives.

(b-d) National Treasury has allocated a total of R739 million over the MTEF for the programme. For the first phase, R200 Million has been allocated. The funds have been allocated as follows:

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| No | Year | DTPS Request | NT Allocation |
| 1 | 2015/16 | R 225 402 697 | R 200 000 000 |
| 2 | 2016/17 | R 516 343 210 | R 268 300 000 |
| 3 | 2017/18 | R 719 525 698 | R 271 700 000 |
| **MTEF Sub-Totals** | | **R 1 416 024 135** | **R 739 000 000** |