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**Mr C Mackenzie (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

Were any external consultants involved in Phase One of Government’s broadband roll-out plan; if so, (a) how were they chosen, (b) what was the scope of their involvement and (c) what amount were they paid? NW2670

**REPLY:**

I have been advised by the Department as follows:-

1. Yes, External consultants were sourced to assist and provide support in the development of the Business Case.

The CSIR was chosen as a result of its access to broadband infrastructure info at a national scale.

 The Department’s primary support was provided by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) which assisted with the infrastructure information used to conduct the infrastructure gap analysis.

(b) Through the assistance of the Government Technical Advisory Centre (GTAC) who facilitated a competitive procurement process for service providers, the Department was also able to source the assistance of Deloitte to provide financial and procurement advisory services. The support of Deloitte assisted the department with the development of a financial model that could cost the project as part of the development of the business case.

(c) CSIR was paid R 5,643,000 and Deloitte was paid R850, 000