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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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

(a) What amount has Sentech invested in building South Africa’s digital broadcasting infrastructure and application system before March 2015, (b) what amount of this equipment and these systems are still covered by the original manufacturer’s warranties and (c) how many are operating without a manufacturer’s warranty?

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**REPLY:**

I have been advised by Sentech as follows:

1. R1 287 609 781. 84.

(b-c) The Manufactures warranties cover equipment for maximum period of 24 months. The table below provides a span of equipment for active components of the DTT networks. There is a total of 4712 DTT assets amounting to R447 663 469 that falls outside manufacturers’ warranties (highlighted in yellow) and a total of 3206 assets amounting to R324 058 305 falling within manufacturers’ warranty period (highlighted in green).

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| **Acquisition year** | **2008** | **2009** | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **Total** |
| **Warranty expiry date** | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** |
| **Acquisition value** | **R63 056 479** | **R91 020 130** | **R82 065 010** | **R91 433 270** | **R120 088 580** | **R30 067 142** | **R229 562 145** | **R64 429 018** | **R771 721 774** |
| **Total assets** | **328** | **936** | **1551** | **583** | **1314** | **1655** | **1077** | **474** | **7918** |
| **Warranty status** | **Out of warranty period** | | | | | **Within warranty period** | | |  |