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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr M S Malatsi (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

Whether any (a) internal and/or (b) external forensic reports pertaining to (i) his department and/or (ii) each entity reporting to him were completed from 1 January 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what is the (aa) name, (bb) subject matter and (cc) date of conclusion of each of the specified forensic reports?

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**REPLY:**

I have been advised by the Department and Entities reporting to me as follows:-

**Department’s Internal Forensic Reports**

(a) (i) No

**Department’s External Forensic Report**

(b) (i) Yes

(aa) Gobodo Forensic and Investigative Accounting

(bb) (1) Forensic investigation to audit qualifications as stated in the report of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31 March 2010;

(2) Forensic Accounting Investigation into alleged irregularities pertaining to travel agents;

(3) Forensic Accounting Investigation into Soundfusion (Pty) Ltd;

(4) Forensic Accounting Investigation Draft FCB Social Marketing; and

(5) Forensic Accounting Investigation into aspects associated with the 112 Emergency Call Centre in the Strand, Western Cape Province.

(cc) The above-mentioned reports were concluded on 26 March 2012.

(a)(ii) **SOC’s Internal Forensic Report**

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| **Entity** | **Reply** |
| Sentech | No |
| zaDNA | No |
| Nemisa | No |
| USAASA | Yes |
| SITA | Yes |
| Broadband Infraco | Yes |
| SAPO | Yes |

(b)(ii) **SOCs External Forensic Report**

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| **Entity** | **Reply** |
| Sentech | Yes |
| zaDNA | No |
| Nemisa | No |
| USAASA | Yes |
| SITA | Yes |
| Broadband Infraco | Yes |
| SAPO | Yes |

(ii) (aa) (bb) (cc)

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| **Entity:** | **External/ internal** | **Name (aa)** | **Subject matter (bb)** | **Date of conclusion (cc)** |
| Sentech | External | Leaking of confidential information at Payroll | Investigation on the leaking of confidential information | 30 June 2013 |
| External | Leaking of sensitive information | Investigation on a Board document that was leaked to the Union | 30 September 2015 |
| External | Nepotism in Human Resources (HR) appointments | Investigation on alleged nepotism in HR with regard to appointment of personnel and misuse of company resources | 31 January 2016 |
| External | Sabotage in the information technology (IT) environment and SAP system crashes | Investigation on the sabotage of the SAP system | 30 June 2016 |
| Universal Service and Access Agency of south Africa (USAASA) | Internal | Gobodo | Value for money audit:   1. Investigate and express an opinion on the value for money derived from the listed tenders and/or contracts awarded to service providers 2. Investigate and conduct background inquiries of firms or individuals 3. Investigate and can conduct the verification of equipment supplied to access centres around the country and determine the value of money thereof 4. Gather documentary evidence 5. Review project related documentation, including contract documents of the list of service provider which render the services and/or goods to USAASA with a view of expressing an opinion on the value for money 6. Conduct interviews of involved parties, including the service providers and project managers is required | 5 May 2013 |
| Internal | The Firm | The Board of Directors of USAASA received information relating to allocations of material breaches of USAASA’s supply chain management processes and procedures, human resources processes, governance processes and non-compliance with the duly approved delegation of authority of the agency. | 30 April 2013 |
| External | Special Investigating Unit (SIU) | This investigation and subsequent court action brought by the SIU dealt with the appointment of the previous CEO, Mr Zami Nkosi. | The matter was withdrawn as a result of the end of term of Mr Nkosi at the end of March 2016. |
| External | Public Protector | Investigation into allegations of maladministration with regard to the irregular appointment of Ms. Sharonne Scheepers. | This investigation is not finalised as yet. |
| External | DoC/NT/PWC | Forensic investigation into the Supply Chain Management process followed by USAASA in appointing a panel of service providers for the Broadcasting Digital Migration programme. | This investigation is not finalised as yet. |
| State Information Technology Agency (SITA) | Internal | Internal | Abuse of Resources **24**  Absenteeism **11**  Procurement **104**  Irregularities Appointment **61**  Irregularities  Financial **41**  Conflict of Interest **12**  Fraud 6 | 2009-2016 |
| External | External Forensic | Abuse of Resources **1**  Absenteeism  Procurement Irregularities **6**  Appointment Irregularities **1**  Financial  Conflict of Interest **1**  Fraud | 2013-2014 |
| Broadband Infraco (BBI) | Internal | Investigator: BBI’s Enterprise Risk Management | Alleged HR Irregularities: (Snr Manager Supply Chain Management [SCM] and Snr Manager Strategy Leadership) | 29 October 2015 |
| Internal | Investigator: BBI’s Enterprise Risk Management | Alleged Leave Irregularities: (Snr IT Manager & IT Administrator | 20 March 2015 |
| Internal | Investigator: BBI’s Enterprise Risk Management | Alleged SCM Non-Compliance (Snr IT Manager) | 9 January 2015 |
| External | Investigator: KPMG | Alleged Recruitment Irregularities (HR Specialist - Ms Betty Mphuthi) | 12 Feb 2014 |
| External | Investigator: KPMG | Alleged Procurement Irregularities (Bruniguel and P-Net) | 12 Feb 2014 |
| External | Investigator: KPMG | Alleged Procurement Irregularities (Accenture Consulting) | 07 Nov 2014 |
| Internal | Investigator: BBI’s Internal Audit Department | Alleged Payment Irregularities (Bakhuthi Trading CC) | 28 Nov 2014 |
| Internal | Preliminary Investigation: BBI’s Internal Audit Department  Full Investigation: KPMG | Alleged Employment Irregularities (Two Procurement Specialists | 28 Nov 2014 |
| Internal | Preliminary Investigation: BBI’s Internal Audit Department  Full Investigation: KPMG | Alleged Employment Irregularities | 28 Nov 2014 |
| External | Investigator: SizweNtsalubaGobodo(SNG) | Alleged fibre optic cable framework agreements Irregularities (Inyani Civil Works & Plant Hire, Thuthuka Projects, and Kopanya Projects (Pty) Ltd Service Providers | 30 Nov 2010 |
| External | Investigator: SNG | Alleged tender process Irregularities (Occupational Care South Africa [OCSA] and Broadband Infraco) | 25 April 2011 |
| South African Post Office (SAPO) | Internal | SAPO Security & Investigations: Forensic Unit 2009-2016 | The internal forensic investigations unit received four hundred and ninety-eight (498) complaints that included allegations of fraud, theft, misconduct, negligence, armed robbery, sexual harassment, assault, financial misconduct, postal crime, etc. All cases received from 1 January 2009 until September 2016 have been finalised. Line management, together with Employee Relations have prioritised the implementation of pending recommendations for disciplinary action for the current financial year, where applicable. | 30 September 2016 |
| External | SSG | Maladministration | February 2013 |
| External | Special Investigating Unit (SIU) | Maladministration and corruption | February 2014 |
| External | Public Protector | Alleged irregular appointment of a service provider, Resurgent Risk Managers by SAPO in 2013 | Public Protector has not yet issued a report |