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

With reference to the SA Post Office’s (SAPO) membership of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), has his department officially notified the UPU (a) of the split in the Ministry of Communications and (b) that SAPO now falls under his department; if so, when? NW2737E

**REPLY:**

(a) The Department is an active member of the UPU and is in regular communication with the International Bureau of the UPU. I have met with the Director-General of the UPU, Ambassador Bishar Hussein of Kenya, in South Africa on the 6August 2014, and provided an update of developments within the administration of the South African government relating to Telecommunications and Postal Services. Previously officials from the UPU had also been briefed by officials from DTPS as they interact on an ongoing basis.

(b) As the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services is the responsible Department for postal matters, including South Africa’s membership of the UPU, it follows that SAPO falls under DTPS. The UPU has been requested to update their website to record the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services, instead of the Department of Communications.