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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**DATE OF REPLY:**

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

(a) What budget allocations have been or will be transferred from his department’s estimates of expenditure to the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa to (i) conduct enquiries to identify priority markets in the telecommunications sector and (ii) address the high cost of communication and (b) from which of his department’s programmes will the funding be drawn?

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**REPLY:**

**I have been informed by the Department as follows:**

(a)-(b) No budget allocations from the Department’s estimates of expenditure have been or will be transferred to the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA). ICASA has budgeted for this area of work as reflected in its Annual Performance Plan.

**Approved/Not Approved**

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**Dr Siyabonga Cwele, MP**

**Minister of Telecommunications** and Postal Services

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