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

(1) (a) What are the terms of reference for the inquiry being undertaken by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) into the spectrum requirements of the proposed Wholesale Open Access Network, (b) what amount will be paid to CSIR to conduct the inquiry and (c) what is the expected delivery date of the report resulting from this inquiry;

(2) Whether (a) the CSIR or (b) any industry sector stakeholder requested an extension of the specified deadline for the delivery of the report; if not, will such a request be favourably considered in the future; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2628E

**REPLY:**

I have been advised by the Department as follows:-

(1)(a) To advise the Department on the amount of spectrum required to ensure that the Wireless Open Access Network is viable.

(1)(b) R 1 197 022, 80 (VAT Inclusive)

(1)(c) End of August 2017

(2)(a)&(b) No. This is an internal study to inform the implementation of the policy. The Minister is required by law to engage stakeholders and the general public on policy and policy directions. The study will inform the future policy direction, and I will consult stakeholders as it becomes necessary.

**Approved/Not Approved**

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**Dr Siyabonga Cwele, MP**

**Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services**

**Date:**