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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

Whether, with reference to the recent prolonged contract disputes between certain productions (names furnished) and the SA Broadcasting Corporation (SABC), the approval of the SABC Board is required before contracts to run new seasons of soap operas are awarded; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) did the SABC Board have a quorum when it awarded contracts in each case? NW2957E

**REPLY: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

The SABC is not aware of any contract disputes regarding the production of Soap Operas. The process followed in contracting with production companies is fully and clearly spelt out in the SABC supply chain policy on the acquisition of local content and the SABC follows that process.

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