**PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO: 2634**

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Ms D Carter (Cope) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**
Following a recent admission before Parliament’s Standing Committee on Public Accounts by the State and Information Technology Agency (SITA) that SITA had essentially been captured by a certain company (name furnished), what steps does he intend to take to investigate in an open and transparent manner the admission and the circumstances that facilitated this alleged capture? NW2922E

**REPLY:**

“After referring the matter to the Department”, I have been advised by Department that the following activities have been initiated by SITA:

The matter has been referred to the HAWKS for investigation;
There are ongoing court cases wherein SITA seeks the review and setting aside of the contracts;
a forensic investigation was conducted and has since been finalised, concluding that there was wrong doing on the side of FDA assisted by some employees of SITA.
a number of employees were suspended and some have subsequently resigned;

Noting that these matters are ongoing and before the courts, therefore it is in order that the Ministry awaits the outcome of the court processes.

Approved/ not approved

**Dr Siyabonga Cwele, MP**

**Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services Date:**