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

1. With reference to his reply to question 2042 on 24 June 2015, (a) what are the dates of the presentations to the information and communications technology industry on SA Connect, (b) where were the specified meetings held and (c) which industry players attended the specified meetings;
2. When can the work plan, based on the National Broadband Advisory Council, be submitted to his department;

(3) Will the specified work plan be published; if so, (a) when and (b) how will it be published?

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**REPLY:**

(1) (a) Presentations were held on the 21 August 2014 and 27 November

2014.

(b) Presentation were held at the DTPS offices

(c) For the meeting of the 21 August 2014, six members of the NBAC Working Group, four members from the department and a representative from Government Technical Advisory Centre (GTAC) were in attendance. For the meeting of the 27 November 2014, five members of the NBAC Working Group were in attendance as well as six members of the department. Viasat and the Gauteng Broadband Network (GBN) were invited to deliver presentations at the meeting of 27th November 2014 but only Viasat managed to deliver the presentation on the day.

1. The Minister will meet the Chairperson of the NBAC to map a way forward with regards to the continuing role of the NBAC as well as the work plan that will guide the NBAC going forward.

(3) Since the work plan is expected to be a dynamic document, it will not be gazetted to allow for flexible adaptation of the document to the rapidly changing ICT environment and to ensure that the work of the NBAC remains relevant.