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**Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

Has the draft of the Rapid Deployment Policy been completed and handed to his department by the contractors; if not, (a) when is the specified policy due to be handed over and (b) what process will follow; if so, when?

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**REPLY:**

The draft Rapid Deployment Policy is scheduled to be processed by the Department at the end of September 2015. The draft Policy will then be gazetted for public comment in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005. The final Rapid Deployment Policy will then be developed taking into account the submissions made on the draft Policy. The final Rapid Deployment Policy will then be submitted to the Cabinet for approval.