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

Will the draft regulations on the Rapid Deployment Policy be published for public comment; if not, (a) why not and (b) why has a public participation process not been followed; if so, (i) when and (ii) where will the draft regulations be published?

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**REPLY:**

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) is the body responsible for issuing electronic communications regulations in South Africa. ICASA will be in a position to issue the Rapid Deployment Regulations in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the Electronic Communications Act No 36 of 2005 after the Cabinet has approved the Rapid Deployment Policy.