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

1. (a) What is the status of the draft policy on data pricing and (b) who drafted the specified policy;
2. Whether the specified draft policy will be published for public comment; if not, why not; if so, when?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) The draft policy direction has already been prepared and consultation with the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa commenced.

(b) The draft policy direction was drafted by the Department.

(2) After finalising consultation with ICASA, public consultation will commence in accordance with section 3(5) of the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 that requires that the text of a policy direction must be published in the *Gazette* for 30 days to obtain the views of interested persons.