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

1. (a) What is the mandate of the implementing agency for the digital implementation plan, (b) how is the appointment process being conducted, (c) who are the stakeholders being consulted, (d) when will the appointment be made and (e) what is the cost of the specified agency over the Medium Term Expenditure Framework.

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**REPLIES:**

I have been advised by the Department as follows:-

(1) (a) The implementing agency will lead and coordinate State-Owned Companies in the rollout of broadband infrastructure in the identified areas to facilitate government connectivity.

(b) The Department is following the relevant treasury regulation and supply chain management processes.

(c) Cabinet; the Economic Sectors, Employment and Infrastructure Development (ESEID) Cluster; and State Information Technology Agency (SITA) will be consulted.

(d) The appointment will be made once due process has been followed and Cabinet, National Treasury and the Auditor General have been informed.

(e) The agency will not incur any cost for the Department. The operational expenditure of the agency over the MTEF will not be attributed to the Department.