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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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

(1)    What (a) is the detailed breakdown of the (i) R 1 398 000 spent on goods and services to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Telecom World Conference 2018, as stated in the Programme 2 virements, (ii) R 6 778 000 virement from Programme 3 and (iii) R 1 267 000 virement from Programme 4 of his department’s 2018-19 Adjusted Estimates of Expenditure and (b) impact have these virements had on the service delivery mandates of the affected programmes;

(2)    Has South Africa’s membership of any international organisation been affected by the Programme 2 virements; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3)    Whether any funds from the virements were sent to (a) the ITU and/or (b) any person or organisation not based in South Africa; if so, in each case, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY**

I have been advised by the Department that:

(1)(a)(i) R 1,398,000 under Programme 2 spent on goods and services was for the travel and accommodation expenses of the ITU officials to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Telecom World 2018 event.

(ii) - (iii) R 6, 778, 000 virement from Programme 3 and R 1,267,000 virement from Programme 4 were utilised for the payment of the venue for ITU Telecom World 2018 event.

(b) There is no impact on service delivery plans of the affected programmes because some of the Sponsorship valued at R26 000 000.00 was paid directly into the Department’s bank account. When the money was appropriated during the AENE process, the affected programmes were reimbursed.

(2) No.

(3) No.

**Approved / not approved**

**Ms S Ndabeni - Abrahams**

**MINISTER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS & POSTAL SERVICES**

**DATE: 03/12/2018**