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**Ms C King (DA) to ask the Minister of State Security**

What measures has his department put in place to mitigate the impact of cyber-attacks in the country?

**RESPONSE:**

1. South Africa’s response to cyber threats and in particular the role played by SSA in mitigating the impact of cyber-attacks in the country is articulated in the National Cyber-security Policy Framework (NCPF) for South Africa approved by the Cabinet in March 2011.
2. The Cyber Security Centre (CSC) in the SSA has been established as an initiative of Government to anticipate where cyber-attacks in the country or to national critical information infrastructure (NCIIs) may originate with a view to adapting defence strategies in order to mitigate the impact and respond to new cyber threats. The aim is to provide cyber situational analysis and a coordinated approach to incident response; and to promote cyber security knowledge and awareness.
3. The CSC underlines Government’s determination to provide enhanced and integrated readiness to mitigate cyber security threats and attacks in the country in a bid to maintain the country safe and secure. The current centre is meant to provide a coordinated response to cyber incidents affecting national security and in doing so it is envisioned to be augmented by other structures in the country such as the Government CSIRT (Gov. CSIRT), Cyber Security Hub (CSH), National Cybercrime Centre (NCC), Cyber Command (CC) and sector CSIRTs.