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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO: 381**

**Ms V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications, Postal Services and Communications:**

(1)       (a)(i) What types and level of information and communications technology (ICT) are being used in the informal sector in the Northern Cape and (ii) what is their impact in this regard, (b) what method is used to measure the impact and (c)(i) which subsectors are using ICT in the informal sector in the Northern Cape and (ii) what is their impact;

(2)       what (a) are the problems or challenges that block the awareness and use of ICT in the informal sector in the Northern Cape and each other province, (b) is the role of the Government in creating the necessary infrastructure for the use of ICT in the informal sector in the Northern Cape and each other province, (c) has been done so far, (d) strategies, suggestions and recommendations can be made towards the use of ICT in the informal sector in the Northern Cape and each other province and (e) model can be used to map ICT access, use and impact in the informal sector in the Northern Cape and each other province?          NW405E

**REPLY**

I have been advised by the Departments as follows:

The Departments have not conducted any ICT-related research in the informal sector of the Northern Cape.

**Ms. Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams, MP**

**Minister**