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

(1) (a) What process was followed to (i) evaluate and (ii) appoint the lead implementation agency for all phases of SA Connect, (b) how many candidates were evaluated for this position(s) and (c) what are their names;

(2) What (a) is the scope of work that the successful candidate(s) will be contracted to perform and (b) will this cost;

(3) When will (a) the successful candidate(s) be announced and (b) they commence with the contracted scope of work?

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**REPLY:**

(1)(a)(i)&(ii) The Lead Entity has not been appointed yet. The Department is following due process to facilitate the roll-out of broadband for Phase 1 and Phase 2 is still at a planning stage considering that the funding has not been determined.

(1)(b)&(c) Refer to (1)(a) above.

(2)(b)&(c) Refer to (1)(a) above. The scope of work will be finalised after due process for the appointment of the service provider has been finalised.

(3) The announcement of the service provider will only be done once the Department has finalised the process indicated in 1(a) above and the subsequent conclusion of the necessary agreements.