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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 462 OF 2015**

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**462. Mr G R Davis (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

(1) Whether her department spent an amount of R1,6 million on an official departmental advertisement published in a certain newspaper (name and details furnished); if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether this expenditure was authorised by (a) the relevant Deputy Director-General or (b) any other official accounting officer; if not, why not; if so, by whom?

**REPLY: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

1. The Department of Communications did not spend an amount of R1.6 million for an official advertisement in the named newspaper, but rather spent R720 990.72.  This cost saving was due to negotiated discounts through media bulk buying.
2. The above expenditure was authorised in accordance with the GCIS/DOC supply chain management delegation 4.4 which states that "*the acquisition of print media directly with the sole service providers or sole appointed agent , approval thereof rests with the Chief Director (Communication Services Agency) and the Chief Financial Officer for amounts between (R30 000.00 – R3 million)."*

This expenditure was within the provision of delegation 4.4 and it was authorised by the Acting Chief Director: Communication Service Agency and Acting Director General in his capacity as the Accounting Officer due to the absence of the Chief Financial Officer at the time.

**MR D LIPHOKO**

**[ACTING] DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS (GCIS)**

**DATE:**

**MS AF MUTHAMBI, MP**

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DATE:**