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

1. (a) How many set top boxes were delivered to households in the Northern Cape during December 2015, (b) what was the cost of (i) delivery and (ii) installation of each unit and (c) what is the name of the (i) person and/or (ii) company that installed the specified units;
2. (a) how many of the specified units were subsidised and (b) by what amount;

(3) Whether every household that received the specified units was in possession of a valid TV licence; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?      NW52E

**REPLY:**

I have been advised the South African Post Office (SAPO) as follows:-

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(b)(i) Cost of delivery = R 31 543.30 (R 211.70 per unit including VAT)

(b)(ii) Cost of Installation = R 550 (VAT included) per unit

(c)(i)&(ii) The following (7) seven Installation Companies appointed by USAASA were utilised for the installations:

* AMIGEN INVESTMENT (PTY) LTD
  + DURAMICS TRADING & PROJECT T/A NAKA TELECOMMS SYSTEM ENGIN
* KETELELO TRADING CONCEPTS
* KROXWORX TRADING (PTY) LTD
* LAMEC TRADING (PTY) LTD
* MAZIYA GENERAL SERVICES CC
* SILVERWELL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

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(2)(b) All the units were fully (100%) subsidised. The subsidy amount is approximately R1 500 per household. This includes the set top box, antenna and the installation costs.

1. TV Licence Requirement Details:-

Yes. The TV licence verification process was streamlined via the SABC’s web portal confirmation process. A pending registration file process for the needy households that do not have TV licences or whose TV licence is in arrears has been introduced on the request of the Department of Communications during mid-October 2015. The total number of pending file registrations for the period ending 31 December 2015, amounted to 414 in total. The SABC’s decision on the way forward in this regard in awaited.