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

(a) What is the status of the legal case in the matter between .ZA Domain Name Authority and the ZA Central Registry, (b) what attempts at mediation of the issue have been held to date, (c) by whom were they conducted and (d)(i) by what date and (ii) what was the outcome of those attempts? NW753E

**REPLY:**

**I have been informed by .zaDNA as follows:**

1. The matter is currently under arbitration and is set for argument on 02 May 2018.

(b-d) The following mediatory events occurred:

1. The former Deputy Minister, Prof. Hlengiwe Mkhize met both parties separately in or around August 2016 in an attempt to have the matter resolved speedily and amicably.
2. Both ZADNA and ZACR held a mediation meeting presided by a senior council in Sandton in September 2016.
3. In June 2017, ZACR petitioned the current Deputy Minister (Ms. Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams) to mediate between the parties. Its Board of Directors met the ZACR CEO in the presence of the Deputy Minister on 7 June 2017.

The Deputy Minister withdrew her participation, and the matter proceeded to arbitration, due to the parties failing to settle.