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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 686**

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**Mr D America (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

(a)What are the anticipated total costs of (i) producing and (ii) installing the 5 million subsidized Set-Top Boxes (STBs), (b) How much funding has been approved by the National Treasury in the Medium Term Expenditure Framework in this regard and (c) from which (i) departmental votes and/or (ii) other government sources will this be drawn?

**REPLY: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

(a) The anticipated total costs of producing and installing the 5 million subsidized STBs, as appropriated, is R2.45 billion.

(b) Over the MTEF period the National Treasury has allocated R1.1 billion.

(c) The funds will be drawn from the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services’ vote.

**MR NN MUNZHELELE**

**DIRECTOR GENERAL [ACTING]**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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**MS AF MUTHAMBI (MP)**

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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