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

Whether he and / or his Department has taken any action to cancel the contracts and agreements signed with certain companies (names furnished), the service providers who were allegedly appointed in contravention of the Universal Services Access Agency of South Africa’s supply chain management policy according to the National Treasury’s investigation, if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW918E

**REPLY:**

The Project Management Office of the Broadcasting Digital Migration Programme (“BDM”) falls within the mandate of the Department of Communications. Legal action pertaining to any alleged irregularities flowing from the SCM process must therefore be dealt with by the Department of Communications as the competent Department mandated with the BDM programme.

However, I am advised by USAASA that it is reviewing the entire procurement process.