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

1. How many engagements, in terms of Chapter 2, section 3 of the Electronic Communications Act, Act 36 of 2005, as amended, has he had with (a) ICT sector stakeholders and (b) representatives organisations on the National Integrated ICT Policy White Paper since 26 September 2016;
2. (a) On what date did each meeting take place, (b) what was the venue for each meeting and (c) who were participants in each meeting;
3. Did his department host each meeting; if not, who hosted the event in each case; if so, what was were the total costs incurred?     NW98E

**REPLY:**

I have been advised by the Department as follows:

(1)(a) 2

(1)(b) 1

(2)(a) The ICT Symposium took place on 2 November 2016;

A meeting with mobile network operators took place on 28 November 2016; and,

A meeting with representative organisations took place on 14 December 2016.

(2)(b) Venue:

ICT Symposium: Gallagher Estate, Midrand;

Mobile network operators meeting: Vodacom World, Midrand; and

Meeting with representative organisations: The Park Hyatt, Rosebank.

(c) Participants included the following:

ICT Symposium: South African Communications Forum (SACF), Fibreco, Convergence Partners, Members of Black Information Technology Forum (BITF), Smile Communications, National Lotteries Board, Black Management Forum, Telkom, MTN, and Vodacom.

Mobile network operators meeting: Vodacom, MTN, Cell C, Telkom, Neotel, WBS, and SAAIF.

Meeting with representative organisations: Black IT Forum, Internet Service Providers’ Association (ISPA), SACF, Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Council, National Broadcasting Association, Wireless Access Providers’ Association (WAPA), WIFI Forum, Internet Society Gauteng, and Interactive Advertising Bureau.

1. The ICT Symposium was hosted by the Black IT Forum; the meeting with mobile network operators was hosted by Vodacom; and the meeting with representative organisations was hosted by the Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Council. The costs of hosting the meetings were not incurred by the Department.