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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms B M van Minnen (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:**

Whether she will furnish Ms B M van Minnen with the scientific data used to support the view of her department that 5G cell phone towers are not harmful to human health including any journal articles and/or scientific papers that were used to justify the approval of the rollout of the specified technology?

**REPLY**

**I have been advised as follows:**

The Department is guided by the Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Field (RF EMF) guidelines of March 2020 developed by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), which provide the necessary and sufficient levels of protection from adverse effects relating to exposure to RF EMF when networks including 5G are deployed or operated.

**Authorised for submission by**

**MS. NONKQUBELA JORDAN-DYANI**

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL (ACTING)**

**DATE:**

**Recommended/not recommended**

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**HON. PHILLY MAPULANE, MP**

**DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

**DATE:**

**Approved/ not approved**

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**HON. KHUMBUDZO NTSHAVHENI, MP**

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

**DATE:**