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**Mr. C Mackenzie (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services**

1. Will a tender to appoint a service provider to draw up the implementation plan arising from the National Integrated ICT Policy White Paper be issued, if not, (a) will the implementation plan be developed by his Department and (b) what further or/other steps are envisaged to draw up the implementation plan, if so (i) when will it be gazetted and (ii) what is the budget for the project?
2. What deadline has been set for the publication of the implementation plan? NW101E

 **REPLY**

1. No, a service provider will not be appointed to draw up the implementation plan arising from the National Integrated ICT Policy white paper; (a) Yes, (b) further internal consultation on the draft implementation plan; (i) No requirement exists to publish the implementation plan in the Gazette and (ii) since the implementation plan forms part of the Annual Performace Plan of the Department, no special budget is required.
2. There is no requirement to publish the implementation plan.