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Dear Mr. Vadi

TABLING OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF ICASA AND PRESENTATION TO THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

I write in connection with the abovementioned matter.

On 11 February 2010, I wrote to the Chief Executive Officer of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa requesting him to submit the strategic plan of ICASA to the Department by 26 February 2010. This was in reaction to a correspondence that the Minister had received from the Deputy President informing all Ministers to table in terms of section 10(1) (c) of the Money Bills Amendment Procedure And Related Matters Act, 2009 by 3rd March 2010, the Strategic Plans of their Departments, public entities or institution, which must be referred to the relevant committee for consideration and report.

In response thereto, in a letter dated 26 February 2010, the Chief Executive Officer of ICASA faxed to my office, a presentation of the ICASA Vision, Mission and Strategic Intent 2010-2013 in the Powerpoint presentation format. On Tuesday, 2 March, the Department inquired with both the offices of the CEO and the Chairperson on submission of the actual text of the Strategic Plan of ICASA. The Department was informed by the CEO that ICASA had submitted its strategic plan to the Department in 2009 and that there is an updated Strategic Plan as required by the law. The CEO further informed the Department that both the format and the content Strategic Plan of ICASA are determined by Council. Furthermore, that the three year, MTEF based, Strategic Plan was accordingly formulated in a manner agreed upon by Council and submitted as such to the DoC. The document that the CEO alleges that it was submitted

to the DoC is the same Powerpoint presentation that I refer to above . We wish to put it on record that we are not in possession of a complete text encapsulating that strategic plan of ICASA for the 2010- 2013 period.

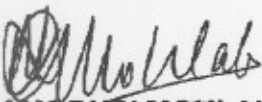
I am also informed that ICASA has submitted to the Portfolio Committee a business plan. I have not engaged in detail with ICASA and as such cannot attest as to whether in essence it co-relates to the strategic thrust and mandate of ICASA as would be expected of the strategic plan.

I have been informed that, ICASA is expected to present to the Portfolio Committee its strategic plan on 16 March 2010. I believe it is important for the Portfolio Committee to have the above outlined background in mind.

I also wish to put on record the fact that , ICASA's strategic plan has not been tabled by the Minister as required in terms of section (10)(1)(c) of the Money Bill Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act 2009, due to the late submission of the business plan by ICASA, specifically subsequent to the 03 March 2010.

I trust this is in order

Yours sincerely


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