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**Ms T Bodlani (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies:[★552] [Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is in excess of quota (Rule 137(8))]**

Whether, in light of the circulating reports that the SA Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) journalists in Limpopo and other provinces film and edit news stories with their personal cellphones, the SABC media personnel have all the necessary equipment to execute their job; if not, what are the details of the shortages; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

Using cellphones for radio is more powerful because of the availability of various applications to allow one to record, edit and upload on one's device. The SABC also have journalists who use or prefer Mojo (Mobile Journalism) kits because of their agility and effectiveness to record, edit and upload, including doing live crossings on their cell phone. This is the future of broadcasting technology. Limpopo has one of the best journalists using Mojo technology.

However, the SABC does have a general shortage of the Marantz recording devices for their Radio News staff, with Limpopo specifically short of four Marantz units. The shortage will be addressed with the batch of equipment expected for delivery ahead of the elections. The delay in delivery was largely due to financial constraints.

Thank You.