



**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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1438. Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What is the total amount of money that has been paid from the National Revenue Fund into the Universal Service Access Fund since 1 April 2005?

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REPLY:

Universal Service and Access Fund (USAF) – Cabinet approved Appropriations from the National Revenue Fund (NRF)

Between 2005/06 and as at 31 May 2017, a total of R2.8 billion was transferred to the Universal Service and Access Fund (USAF). This was done through the budget vote of the Department of Communications between 2005/06 to 2014/15 and the budget vote of the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services from 2015/16 to date.

These allocations are comprised of funding of R501 million for projects related to its universal service and access mandate, as well as R2.3 billion for the Broadcasting Digital Migration project to pay for subsidies for Set Top Boxes (STBs), antennae and installation costs to qualifying poor households. The table below illustrates the funding allocated:

Universal Service Access Fund (USAF)			
Year	Project funding R'000	Broadcasting Digital Migration funding - R'000	Total transfers R'000
2005/06	R 29,400	R 0	R 29,400
2006/07	R 31,164	R 0	R 31,164
2007/08	R 32,722	R 0	R 32,722
2008/09	R 34,581	R 0	R 34,581
2009/10	R 36,427	R 0	R 36,427
2010/11	R 38,613	R 0	R 38,613
2011/12	R 40,930	R 220,000	R 260,930
2012/13	R 43,977	R 230,000	R 273,977
2013/14	R 45,046	R 240,000	R 285,046
2014/15	R 49,988	R 791,000	R 840,988
2015/16	R 52,380	R 181,160	R 233,540
2016/17 (revised est)	R 55,156	R 589,384	R 644,540
2017/18 (as at 31 May)	R 10,600	R 19,800	R 30,400
Total	R 500,984	R 2,271,344	R 2,772,328

Source: ENE 2009 – ENE 2017