**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 2083**

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**2083. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

Whether (a) his department and/or (b) any entities reporting to him are funding, including by way of discretionary funding, any institution of research and development (i) domestically and/or (ii) internationally; if so, (aa)(aaa) what are the names of the specified institutions and (bbb) what are their functions, (bb) from what date has his department or any entity reporting to him been funding them and (cc) what amount has his department contributed towards such funding?

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**REPLY**

1. Yes, currently it is only South African Law Reform that is funded to do the research.

aa) (aaa) the South African Law Reform Commission was established in terms of the South African Law Reform Commission Act No. 19 of 1973.

(bbb) the objects of the Commission are to conduct research with reference to all branches of the law of the Republic and to study and investigate all such branches of the law in order to make recommendations for the development, improvement, modernization or reform thereof, including the repeal of absolute or unnecessary provisions, the removal of anomalies, the bringing about of uniformity in the law in force in various parts of the Republic, the consolidation or codification of any branch of the law, and steps aimed at making the common law more readily available.

bb) The Department has been funding the Commission since its establishment in 1973.

cc) the budget allocated from the vote of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development is R27 451 000 for the 2017/ 2018 financial year.

1. The National Prosecuting Authority, Legal Aid South Africa and Special investigating Unit are not funding any institution of research and development domestically and internationally.
2. The Department of Correctional Services and the Office of the Chief Justice does not fund institutions of research and development either domestically or internationally