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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1064**

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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 18 OF 2019**

**Dr W J Boshoff (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

1. Whether he has been informed that the Square Kilometre Array South Africa advertised that it would be hosting monthly meetings with affected communities, but in fact failed to attend the meeting as advertised for 18 September from 17h00 to 19h00 in the Kareeberg Library, Carnarvon; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what was the reason for their nonattendance;
2. whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

1. The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology is aware that SARAO – (formerly the South African Square Kilometre Array Project Office), hosts regular public information sessions and stakeholder meetings in various towns surrounding the SKA project in the Northern Cape. I can confirm that SARAO attended the meeting in Carnarvon on 18 September 2019 and they have given me the attendance register and minutes of this meeting.
2. The Minister will not be making a statement on this matter.