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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1560**

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**Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

What number of research projects related to HIV/Aids vaccines are currently being funded by his department in the Republic?

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**REPLY:**

**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING:**

The Department is currently not funding any research projects related to HIV/Aids vaccines.  However, the Department through Higher Health (previously known as HEAIDS) is implementing HIV mitigation programmes at public Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges and universities.

**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION:**

The Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) has a flagship programme that coordinates and manages innovation projects focused on the development of prevention, treatment and diagnostics tools for HIV/AIDS. There are currently five projects within the HIV prevention portfolio that deal with different aspects of HIV vaccine research and development.