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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 158**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 1 OF 2018)**

**Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

(1) (a) What number of catalytic research projects were funded by the National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences in the 2015-16 financial year and (b) what are the details of each specified project in terms of the (i) project title and institution, (ii) project leader and co-leaders, (iii) grant amount awarded, (iv) funding period, (v) total funding amount awarded as at   
13 November 2017 and funding amount still to be awarded and (vi) name of the person who approved each project and the budget thereof;

(2) (a) did the specified spending comply with the cost cutting measures and regulations of her department and the Auditor-General of South Africa and (b) what is the progress report and output of each project?

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**REPLY:**

The National Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) has provided the following responses to the questions posed.

(1) (a) The NIHSS funded 14 Catalytic Research Projects in the 2015/16 financial year.

(1) (b) and (2)(b) Details of each project are provided below:

| **#** | (1)(b)(i)  **Project Title** | (1)(b)(i)  **Project Institution** | (1)(b)(ii) **Project Leader** | (1)(b)(ii) **Project Co-Leader/s** | (1)(b)(iii) **Grant Amount Awarded** | (1)(b)(iv) **Funding period** | (1)(b)(v)  **Total funding awarded as at 13 Nov 2017** | (1)(a)(vi) **Person who approved** | 2(b)  **Outputs of the project** | 2(b)  **Progress of the project** |
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|  | Hidden Voices: Left Intellectual Works (CHI) | University of the Witwatersrand | Prof. Edward Webster | - | R600 000 | 30/03/2015 – 31/12/2016 | R600 000 | CEO/Board | 1x Book (draft form)  6x chapters (draft form) | Ongoing |
|  | Concept development in African languages | Rhodes University | Dr. P Maseko | Prof Russell Kaschula | R850 000 | 01/03/2015 – 08/12/2016 | R850 000 | CEO/Board | 2x Books (draft form) | Ongoing |
|  | Indian Ocean ports on the African littoral: labour, urbanism, extraction and the promise of infrastructure led development | University of the Witwatersrand | Dr. Sharad Chari | Dr. Ajay Ghandi | R950 000 | 30/03/2015 – 30/09/2016 | R950 000 | CEO/Board | 1x Book chapter  2x International conference presentations | Ongoing |
|  | Sources of Creativity | University of the KwaZulu-Natal | Dr Sazi Dlamini | Prof Chris Ballantine | R550 000 | 30/03/2015 – 30/09/2016 | R550 000 | CEO/Board | 2x Journal articles  1x Jazz event participation | Ongoing |
|  | Factory of the Arts | University of the Western Cape | Prof Premesh Lalu | Dr. Heidi Grunebaum | R1 280 000 | 30/03/2015 – 30/09/2016 | R1 280 000 | CEO/Board | 3x Journal articles  3x Performances/exhibitions  6x non-peer reviewed publications  1x conference presentation  3x Book chapters  3x International conference presentations | Ongoing |
|  | Comparative analyses of the underground liberation struggles in South Africa | University of the Witwatersrand | Prof Noor Nieftagodien | Dr. Tshepo Moloi | R825 922 | 30/03/2015 – 31/07/2017 | R1 345 922 | CEO/Board | - | Ongoing |
|  | Pre-1652 Historiography | University of Cape Town | Professor Lungisile Ntsebeza | N/A | R999 224 | 30/03/2015 – 30/09/2016 | R999 224 | CEO/Board | - | Ongoing |
|  | Towards effective language development and application | University of Cape Town | Professor Mantoa Smouse | Dr. Anastacia Motsei | R680 000 | 30/03/2015 – 30/09/2016 | R680 000 | CEO/Board | 1x International conference presentation | Ongoing |
|  | Experiences of death, dying and bereavement in three African communities in Limpopo province, South Africa | University of Limpopo | Prof Tholene Sodi | Prof. Mokgale Makgopa | R780 000 | 30/03/2015 – 30/09/2016 | R780 000 | CEO/Board | - | Ongoing |
|  | Traditions of popular education | University of the Western Cape | Prof Shirley Walters | Prof Astrid von Kotze | R992 000 | 30/03/2015 – 30/09/2016 | R992 000 | CEO/Board | 1x Theatre play  1x Book (draft form)  1x International conference presentation | Ongoing |
|  | Composer's National Collegium | University of the Witwatersrand | Prof Jeanne Zaidel-Rudolph | N/A | R524 680 | 30/03/2015 – 30/09/2016 | R524 680 | CEO/Board | 2x Concert performances  1x non-peer reviewed publication | Ongoing |
|  | Initiating and Strengthening Research Networks in Family Demography (I-SReNFD) Project | University of the Witwatersrand | Prof Clifford Odimegwu | N/A | R 480 000 | 01/10/2015  – 01/04/2017 | R 480 000 | CEO/Board | - | Ongoing |
|  | The Humanities in the Anthropocene | University of Cape Town | Prof Lesley Green |  | R450 000 | 01/10/2015 – 01/04/2017 | R450 000 | CEO/Board | - | Ongoing |
|  | Rewriting the socio-political history of the Arts in the Stellenbosch and Cape Town Region | Stellenbosch University | Prof Elmarie Constandius | Prof Vivienne Bozalek | R100 000 | 30/3/2015 – 30/3/2016 | R100 000 | CEO/Board | 1x Non-peer-reviewed publication  2x International conference presentation | Ongoing |

(2)(a) Spending is managed by the NIHSS in terms of its policies; the Auditor-General of South Africa audits the NIHSS in terms

of Section 38 of the Higher Education Act and since its inception has received unqualified audit opinions.

(2)(b) See response in the above table.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Minister signs Parliamentary Question 158.

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DIRECTOR–GENERAL: HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DATE:

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION 158 IS APPROVED / NOT APPROVED / AMENDED.

COMMENT/S

PROF HB MKHIZE, MP

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DATE: