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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1672**

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**Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

(1) Whether the National Advisory Council has advised him on research and development and the promotion of Mathematics, Natural Science and Technology; if not, why not; if so, what advice on the specified issues did the council give him in the past five years;

(2) whether there were any discussions regarding the advice given; if not, why not; if so, what was the outcome of the specified discussions;

(3) what has been the budget allocation of the council in the past five years? **NW1913E**

**REPLY:**

1. Yes, the National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI) conducted and submitted advice on the effectiveness of mathematics and science education initiatives in schools.
2. there has not yet been a discussion between NACI and the Minister on the advice provided; and
3. The budget allocation of the Advisory Council in the past five years is R90 million.