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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1804**

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**Ms A M Siwisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

Considering the continued attacks and killings of staff members of the University of Fort Hare (UFH) amidst allegations of corruption in that institution, what measures has he put in place to ensure the safety of whistle-blowers and staff members at UFH? **NW2026E**

**REPLY:**

I am concerned about the safety of students and staff members at all the institutions of higher learning.

Following certain outbursts by senior management in the media, I have tabled the protection of whistle blowers on the agenda for discussion with the Council of the University of Fort Hare.

The University of Fort Hare has in the interim confirmed that the Council expedited the finalization and approval of the Whistleblowing Policy and Procedures, through which any information brought forth would be investigated in a fair and regulated manner. We are advised that the policy makes provision for protection of staff members and students who have alerted the university to corrupt conducts and acts.