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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 186**

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

**Mr T E Mulaudzi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

Whether the National Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences hosted and paid for an event at the Grand Central Café in Melrose Arch in 2017; if so, (a) what was the total amount paid, (b) who approved the payment and (c) did the purpose and payment of the event comply with cost cutting measures and regulations of (i) the National Treasury, (ii) her department and (iii) the Auditor-General of South Africa?

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**REPLY:**

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

An event at the Grand Central Café was hosted and paid for in 2017.

1. The total amount paid was R6 244.
2. The Chief Executive Officer, Professor Sarah Mosoetsa, approved the payment.
3. (i) The expenditure complied with the NIHSS’s policies. The NIHSS is neither a Department, nor a constitutional institution, nor a public entity listed in Schedule 2 or 3, and therefore the Public Finance Management Act is not applicable to the NIHSS.

(ii) Spending is managed by the NIHSS in terms of its policies.

(iii) The Auditor-General of South Africa audits the NIHSS in terms ofSection 38 of the Higher Education Act and since its inception has received unqualified audit opinions.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Minister signs Parliamentary Question 186.

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DIRECTOR–GENERAL: HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DATE:

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION 186 IS APPROVED / NOT APPROVED / AMENDED.

COMMENT/S

PROF HB MKHIZE, MP

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DATE: