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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1972**

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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 19 OF 2023**

**Mr S Tambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

Whether, with reference to the allegations surrounding the awarding of degrees at the University of Fort Hare and the impact it has on the integrity of the higher education sector, his department has commissioned a comprehensive investigation into the allegations of influences brought to bear on the specified university when awarding qualifications; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

The Department has not commissioned an investigation into the awarding of qualifications at the UFH. The allegations on the awarding of degrees, amongst others, are under investigation by the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) under the proclamation R.84 of 2022, as published in the Government Gazette No 47199 of 5 August 2022. The Minister has engaged the SIU and awaits the completed Report of the SIU.