THE MINISTER

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**INTRODUCTION**

1. The above-mentioned question appears on the Internal Question Paper: No 29 – 2016 for written reply in the National Assembly.
2. A draft reply to the question is enclosed in Tag A for your consideration.

**Recommendations**

1. It is recommended that the Minister approves the draft reply.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE:

**DECISION**

Paragraph 4 approved / not approved.

Further discussion required / not required.

Proposed date for discussion: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

DATE:

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“1974. Dr Lotriet (DA) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:

1. Whether she has instituted an investigation into the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) following a protected disclosure by an employee; if not, why not; if so, (a) when will the specified investigation be concluded and (b) wo has been tasked with conducting the investigation;
2. Whether the findings of the investigation will be made public; if not, why not;
3. Whether the Chief Executive Officer of the CSIR has been informed of the nature of the specified disclosure; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?”

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**REPLY:**

1. A preliminary investigation to establish the veracity of the allegations made in the protected disclosure has been instituted by the Minister of Science and Technology and the CSIR Board.

(a) A preliminary investigation is still underway and the Minister is unable to ascertain the date within which the investigation will be concluded.

(b) The General Council of the Bar of South Africa has been briefed to conduct the preliminary investigation into the allegations made in the protected disclosure.

1. The Minister will advise Cabinet on the outcome of the preliminary investigation.
2. The CSIR Board as the Accounting Authority of the CSIR was advised of the protected disclosure.