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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 199**

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**Dr W J Boshoff (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

(1) Whether his department can extend the same financial research benefits currently provided to universities to the Iziko Museums of South Africa as a result of their employees' research output;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

1. The *Research Outputs Policy* published in the Government Gazette No 38552 (Notice 188) of 11 March 2015, through which university research outputs are evaluated and then funded, applies only to universities. This funding forms part of baseline subsidies provided to universities.
2. In 2013, the Department of Science and Technology (now the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) published the *Declaration of Research Institutions* in the Government Gazette No. 36637 (Notice 46) which declares the research institutions that are eligible for research funding support by the National Research Foundation (NRF). According to the Declaration, the Iziko Museums of South Africa qualifies to receive research grants (for performing research).