**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2062 / NW 2284E**

**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES:**

**Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

**QUESTION:**

Whether (a) his department and/or (b) any entities reporting to him are funding, including by way of discretionary funding, any institution of research and development (i) domestically and/or (ii) internationally; if so, (aa)(aaa) what are the names of the specified institutions and (bbb) what are their functions, (bb) from what date has his department or any entity reporting to him been funding them and (cc) what amount has his department contributed towards such funding?  **NW2284E**

**REPLY:**

**DAFF**

**1. (a)** The department funds a number of research and development institutions including the science councils through the Research and Technology Fund (RTF). The RTF is administered on behalf of the department by the National Research Foundation (NRF).

103 research projects were approved for funding through the RTF in 2015 and the funding is for 3 years

21 Institutions (Universities, Science Councils and 1 Research Station) are currently receiving funding through the RTF.

 (aaa) **Name of Institution:**

 National Research Foundation (NRF)

(bbb) **Functions of the institution**

The NRF receives its mandate from the National Research Foundation Act ([Act No 23 of 1998](http://www.nrf.ac.za/sites/default/files/documents/NTFAct.pdf)). According to Section 3 of the Act, the objective of the NRF is to:

Promote and support research through funding, human resource development and the provision of the necessary facilities in order to facilitate the creation of knowledge, innovation and development in all fields of research, including indigenous knowledge, and thereby to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of all the people of the Republic.

(bb) **Funding period**

2013/14 to 2019/20

(cc) **Funding Allocations:**

2013/14 R7.0 million

2014/15 R15.0 million

2015/16 R20.8 million

2016/17 R15, 6 million

2017/18 R17.3 million

2. (a) The department also funds the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) through the parliamentary grant as follows

(aaa) **Name of Institution:**

Agricultural Research Council (ARC)

(bbb) **Functions of the institution**

The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) was established by the Agricultural Research Act (1990) and is the main agricultural research institution in South Africa. In terms of the act, the council’s primary mandate is to conduct research and development, and effect the transfer of technology in order to promote agriculture and industry, contribute to a better quality of life, and facilitate and ensure conservation of natural resources.

(bb) **Funding period**

 From 1994/95 to date

(cc) Funding Allocations:

1994/95 R246.4 million

1995/96 R287.0 million

1996/97 R331.1 million

1997/98 R354.3 million

1998/99 R302.6 million

1999/2000 R294.1 million

2000/01 R276.8 million

2001/02 R271.2 million

2002/03 R275.0 million

2003/04` R309.0 million

2004/05 R342.1 million

2005/06 R360.9 million

2006/07 R500.4 million

2007/08 R488.5 million

2008/09 R514.6 million

2009/10 R525.4 million

2010/11 R622.3 million

2011/12 R755.5 million

2012/13 R943.0 million

2013/14 R950.2 million

2014/15 R1.029 million

2015/16 R803.9 million

2016/17 R812.9 million

2017/18 R974.6 million

**(b) Funding by Public entities reporting to DAFF**

1. (aaa) Name of institution

Perishable products control board (PPECB)

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| **Entity** | Agricultural Research Council |
| **Posting Date** | 30/07/2015 |
| **Reason** | 4x4 Rally Sponsorship- Marketing |
| **Amount** | R 2,000.00 |

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| **Entity** | Citrus Research International |
| **Posting Date** | 01/04/2016 |
| **Reason** | Silver Sponsorship - Research Symposium |
| **Amount** | R 28,500.00 |

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| **Entity** | Citrus Research International |
| **Posting Date** | 28/05/2014 |
| **Reason** | Silver Sponsorship - Research Symposium |
| **Amount** | R 18,810.00 |

2. (aaa) Name of institution:

Onderstepoort Biological Products (OBP)

OBP is not funding any institution of research and development

3. (aaa) Name of institution

NCERA Farms (Pty) Limited

NCERA is not funding any institution of research and development

4. (aaa) Name of institution

 Agricultural Research Council (ARC)

ARC is not funding any institution of research and development

5. (aaa) Name of institution

National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC)

NAMC is not funding any institution of research and development.

6. (aaa) Name of institution

Marine Living Resources Fund (MLRF)

MLRF is not funding any institution of research and development