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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION: 2063**

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**Mr M S Mbatha (EFF) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

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? NW2285E

**REPLY**

The Economic Development Department, Competition Tribunal and ITAC are not funding any institution of research and development either domestically or internationally. Below are details of Competition Commission and IDC funding for institutions of research development.

**Competition Commission**

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| **Beneficiary Institution** | **Function** | **Period of funding** | **Amount** |
| University of Fort Hare | Establishment of the University programs on Competition Law and Economics | April 2017 (valid for one year) | R1 000 000.00 |
| University of Stellenbosch | Establishment of the University programs on Competition Law and Economics | March 2017 valid for one year | R2 000 000.00 |
| University of Johannesburg | Establishment of the University programs on Competition Law and Economics | March 2017 valid for one year | R1 000 000.00 |
| Gordon Institute of Business Science | Establishment of the University programs on Competition Law and Economics | March 2017 valid for one year | R850 000.00 |

**IDC**

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| **Beneficiary institutions** | **Function** | **Period of funding** | **IDC Grants over the past 5 years** |
| Global Reporting Initiative | An international community of practice for sustainability reporting, Global Reporting Initiative is a pioneer in the development sustainability reporting over the last two decades. | 1-year contract | Euro 14 000 x 1 year |
| SADC DFI Network & Association of African DFIs | Development of DFIs thus contributing to member countries economic development | Over the past 5 years | $176 684 x 5 years |
| Association of African Development Finance Institutions (AADFI) | Providing financial support to the Research unit of the Association. | Over the past 5 years | Euro 5000 |
| Regional Industrial Development Strategy (RIDS) | Vutha’s Mlilo Fund Impact Assessment | July 2014- December 2014 | R 445 450.00 x 1 year |
| Mining Towns Revitalization (Special/Spatial Intervention Programme funds) | Conducting Economic Activities and Opportunity Assessment Around the declining mining towns in order to improve socio-economic conditions of mining regions for six municipal districts around South Africa. | August 2014 – July 2015 | R 2 154 480.00 x 1 year |
| World Economic Forum -Regional Partnership | In line with its mandate to expand its investment into the Rest of Africa, the Regional Partnership enables the IDC to strengthen its catalytic role in the continent. It gives the IDC the opportunity to engage with the business communities, key representatives of government and various financial institutions on issues that pertains to the development of the continent. | 2017-2019 | CHF 300,000.00 x 3 years |
| University of Johannesburg’s Automation and Control Research Centre in the School of Electrical Engineering | Automation and Control Research | 2014 | R1 million x 1 year |
| Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA) | MISTRA is an independent research institute that takes a long-term view on the strategic challenges facing South Africa, with the aim of deepening debates in issues such as economic, governance, history, culture and natural sciences. MISTRA collaborates with policy-makers and practitioners to ensure implementation of the recommendation emanating from its research findings. It was established in 2010 and has completed numerous comprehensive research projects, including commissioned research projects for a range of clients in the private sector and also released several publications. | Nov 2015  (Only) | R500 000.00 |

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| **Beneficiary research institutions (undertaking specific research project/s after being selected through open bid process)** |  | **Total amount approved** | **Year approved** | **Total disbursements to date** |
| University of KwaZulu-Natal | Agro-Processing Competitiveness Fund: Research Grant Component (managed by IDC Research & Information department on behalf of EDD) | R1,028,055 | 2013 | R685,370 |
| Bureau of Food and Agriculture Policy | Agro-Processing Competitiveness Fund: Research Grant Component (managed by IDC Research & Information department on behalf of EDD) | R1,072,500 | 2013 | R1,072,500 |
| National Agricultural Marketing Council | Agro-Processing Competitiveness Fund: Research Grant Component (managed by IDC Research & Information department on behalf of EDD) | R920,000 | 2013 | R920,000 |
| South African Poultry Association | Agro-Processing Competitiveness Fund: Research Grant Component (managed by IDC Research & Information department on behalf of EDD) | R808,054 | 2013 | R808,054 |
| Blue Karoo Trust | Agro-Processing Competitiveness Fund: Research Grant Component (managed by IDC Research & Information department on behalf of EDD) | R560,000 | 2013 | R560,000 |
| Urban-Econ Development Economists | Agro-Processing Competitiveness Fund: Research Grant Component (managed by IDC Research & Information department on behalf of EDD) | R387,600 | 2013 | R387,600 |
| Nkwele Agribusiness Planning and Investment (Pty) Ltd | Agro-Processing Competitiveness Fund: Research Grant Component (managed by IDC Research & Information department on behalf of EDD) | R456,000 | 2013 | R456,000 |
| Agricultural Research Council | Agro-Processing Competitiveness Fund: Research Grant Component (managed by IDC Research & Information department on behalf of EDD) | R1,550,000 | 2013 | R1550,000 |
| Optimal Agricultural Business Systems Development | Agro-Processing Competitiveness Fund: Research Grant Component (managed by IDC Research & Information department on behalf of EDD) | R938,620 | 2016 | R563,172 |
| Optimal Agricultural Business Systems Development | Agro-Processing Competitiveness Fund: Research Grant Component (managed by IDC Research & Information department on behalf of EDD) | R1,776,223 | 2016 | R803,134 |
| Urban-Econ Development Economists | Agro-Processing Competitiveness Fund: Research Grant Component (managed by IDC Research & Information department on behalf of EDD) | R387,200 | 2016 | R387,200 |
| Luhlaza Integrated Sustainable Solutions | Agro-Processing Competitiveness Fund: Research Grant Component (managed by IDC Research & Information department on behalf of EDD) | R1,734,238 | 2016 | R540,469 |
| Urban-Econ Development Economists | Agro-Processing Competitiveness Fund: Research Grant Component (managed by IDC Research & Information department on behalf of EDD) | R878,000 | 2016 | R74,100 |

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