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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 228**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 2 OF 2018)**

**Ms V Ketabahle (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

(a) What is the total number of meetings and/or conferences that were held by the National Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences in the (i) 2014-15, (ii) 2015-16 and (iii) 2016-17 financial years, (b) what (i) was the name and purpose of each meeting and conference held, (ii) was the total cost of each meeting and conference held, (iii) were the names of each service provider for each meeting and conference held and (iv) was the total amount paid to each service provider for each meeting and conference held, (c) who approved the expenditure for each meeting and conference held and (d) did expenditure for each meeting and conference comply with cost cutting measures and regulations of the National Treasury and the Auditor-General of South Africa?

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**REPLY:**

The National Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) has provided the following responses to the questions posed.

1. (i) In 2014/15 the NIHSS held 4 meetings and 4 conferences.

(ii) In 2015/16 the NIHSS held 4 meetings and 11 conferences.

(iii) In 2016/17 the NIHSS held 16 meetings and 41 conferences.

1. **Table 1: Meetings and conferences that were held by the NIHSS in 2014/15**

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| **Date of meeting** | (b)(i)  **Type of meeting** | (b)(ii)  **Cost** |
| 31 March 2014 | Board Meeting | R25 667 |
| 9 June 2014 | Board Meeting | R34 889 |
| 18 August 2014 | Board Meeting | R25 722 |
| 27 February 2015 | Board Meeting | R20 887 |

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|  | (b)(i)  **Name of conference** | (b)(ii)  **Cost of conference** | (b)(iii)  **Names of service providers**  (project leader/co-host of conference) | (b)(iv)  **Total payment to service provider** (project leader) |
| 1 | Conference held for the project: Pre-1652 Historiography | R850 000 | Prof L Ntsebeza | R850 000 |
| 2 | Workshop held for the project: Traditions of Popular Education in South Africa | R676 000 | Prof S Walters | R676 000 |
| 3 | Sources of Creativity - Formation of a Composers' Guild | R250 000 | Dr J Zaidel Rudolph | R250 000 |
| 4 | Hidden Voices - The Art and Music | R500 000 | Prof P Lalu | R500 000 |

**Table 2: Meetings and conferences that were held by the NIHSS in 2015/16**

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| **Date of meeting** | (b)(i)  **Type of meeting** | (b)(ii)  **Cost** |
| 5 June 2015 | Board Meeting | R16 517 |
| 9 November 2015 | Board Meeting | R24 967 |
| 11 December 2015 | Board Meeting | R19 264 |
| 31 August 2015 | Board Meeting | R5 513 |

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|  | (b)(i)  **Name of conference** | (b)(ii)  **Cost of conference** | (b)(iii)  **Names of service providers**  (project leader/co-host of conference) | (b)(iv)  **Total payment to service provider** (project leader) |
| 1 | Workshop held for the project: Hidden Voices – Unpublished Work, 1950 – 1990 | R891 000 | Prof EC Webster | R891 000 |
| 2 | Second workshop held for the project: Hidden Voices – Unpublished Work, 1950 - 1990 | R891 000 | Prof EC Webster | R891 000 |
| 3 | Workshop held with international visiting scholars from University of California, the University of Toronto, Ukwanda, Handspring Puppet Trust and Net vir Pret – script development, puppet building and production as well as mentoring puppeteers | R1 280 000 | Prof P Lalu | R1 280 000 |
| 4 | Workshop at Iziko Museum’s Slave Lodge on the Galant Rebellion | R1 280 000 | Prof P Lalu | R1 280 000 |
| 5 | Arts education workshop and public lectures | R1 280 000 | Prof P Lalu | R1 280 000 |
| 6 | Second Arts education workshop and public lectures | R1 280 000 | Prof P Lalu | R1 280 000 |
| 7 | Third Arts education workshop and public lectures | R1 280 000 | Prof P Lalu | R1 280 000 |
| 8 | Workshop held for the project: Comparative analysis of the underground liberation struggles in South Africa | R835 992 | Prof N Nieftagodien | R835 992 |
| 9 | Workshop held for the project: Towards effective language development and application in African languages | R680 000 | Dr Mantoa Smouse | R680 000 |
| 10 | Composers of National Collegium Workshop | R524 680 | Prof J Zaidel-Rudolph | R524 680 |
| 11 | Workshop held for the project: Integrating Marginalized Voices in Mitigation Plans: Implications for Sustainable Livelihoods in the Eastern Cape and Limpopo Provinces | R100 000 | Prof N Goduka | R100 000 |

**Table 3: Meetings and conferences that were held by the NIHSS in 2016/17**

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| **Date of meeting** | (b)(i)  **Type of meeting** | (b)(ii)  **Cost** |
| 8 April 2016 | Board Meeting | R21 000 |
| 31 May 2016 | Academic Committee  (tele-conference) | R8 500 |
| 27 June 2016 | Audit and Risk Committee and Finance Committee (joint meeting) | R12 000 |
| 7 July 2016 | Audit and Risk Committee and Finance Committee (joint meeting) | R14 500 |
| 29 July 2016 | Board Meeting | R15 000 |
| 14 September 2016 | Audit and Risk Committee and Finance Committee (joint meeting) | R12 000 |
| 26 September 2016 | EXCO | R11 000 |
| 26 September 2016 | Board Meeting | R23 500 |
| 31 October 2016 | Audit and Risk Committee and Finance Committee (joint meeting) | R19 500 |
| 18 November 2016 | Board Meeting | R21 000 |
| 27 November 2016 | Academic Committee | R8 500 |
| 27 January 2017 | EXCO | R11 000 |
| 27 January 2017 | Academic Committee | R8 500 |
| 24 February 2017 | International Advisory Committee | R 8 500 |
| 10 March 2017 | Audit and Risk Committee and Finance Committee (joint meeting) | R8 500 |
| 30 March 2017 | Board Meeting | R21 000 |

|  | (b)(i)  **Name of conference** | (b)(ii)  **Cost of conference** | (b)(iii)  **Names of service providers**  (project leader/co-host of conference) | (b)(iv)  **Total payment to service provider** (project leader) |
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|  | Ethnographic media and African knowledge in the early twentieth century: Contextualising and interpreting The Hoffmann Collection on Cultural Knowledge. 26-28 January 2017, University of Pretoria. | R300 000 | Prof L Kriel | R300 000 |
|  | Artistic Research and Arts Education: Curriculum Transformation in Arts School (Ulwembu). 27 January 2017, Durban University of Technology. | R880 000 | Prof M Marks | R880 000 |
|  | The liberation war radios in southern Africa workshop. 17-19 February 2017, University of Witwatersrand. | R300 000 | Prof S Lekgoathi | R300 000 |
|  | ArtSearch Symposium. 9-11 March 2017, University of Witwatersrand. | R600 000 | Prof J Mistry | R600 000 |
|  | Politics of the armed struggle in Southern Africa. Conference held at the University of the Witwatersrand, 23-25 November 2016. | R600 000 | Prof N Nieftagodien. | R600 000 |
|  | Translation workshop: texts in indigenous languages. 14-19 August 2016. Calders Hotel, Fish Hoek. | R1 190 000 | Prof A Krog | R1 190 000 |
|  | Political Society: Africa, South Asia and Popular politics in the Postcolonial World. Workshop held on 15-16 August 2016, University of Cape Town.8 | R300 000 | Dr V Collis Buthelezi | R300 000 |
|  | Contemporary Ethnography across the disciplines. Conference held on 16-18 November 2016, University of Cape Town. | R300 000 | Prof F Ross | R300 000 |
|  | SLOW Regional Workshop. 12-15 April 2016, Kufunda Village, Harare, Zimbabwe. | R300 000 | Dr D Krige | R300 000 |
|  | Maputo SLOW Workshop. 23-27 May 2016, Maputo, Mozambique. | R300 000 | Dr D Krige | R300 000 |
|  | SLOW Workshop. 7 June 2016, University of Pretoria. | R300 000 | Dr D Krige | R300 000 |
|  | The influence of rurality on student trajectories through higher education: a view from the South. Workshop held on 23-24 August 2016 at Aviator Hotel, Johannesburg. | R300 000 | Prof B Leibowitz | R300 000 |
|  | Social Anthropology: building regional cooperation and growth through decolonizing the discipline. Workshop held on 8-9 December 2016 at the University of Johannesburg. | R100 000 | Ms D Mabale | R100 000 |
|  | Abantu Book Festival. 8-10 December 2016, Eyethu Lifestyle Centre, Soweto Theatre. | R300 000 | Mr T Mgqolozana | R300 000 |
|  | Sahara East and West: A new academic approach to literary sources. Workshop held on 30 November 2016 at Kobenhavns Universitet Det Humanistiske Fakultet. | R835 000 | Prof S Jeppie | R835 000 |
|  | The Program in World Philology. Workshop held on 14 November 2016 at the Heyman Center for the Humanities at Columbia University. | R835 000 | Prof S Jeppie | R835 000 for project funding |
|  | The social life of books in North – West Africa: mobility and book production in Timbuktu and beyond. (a symposium) | R835 000 for project funding | Prof S Jeppie | R835 000 for project funding |
|  | 4th Annual Spring Law Conference. 27-29 September 2016. University of South Africa. | R300 000 for project funding | Prof R Songca | R300 000 |
|  | Pre-colonial catalytic conference. 15-17 March 2017, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. | R999 224 | Prof L Ntsebeza | R999 224 |
|  | Decolonising the university -what will it take? Prof Xolela Mangcu/ Prof Ngugi wa Thiongó. University of Witwatersrand - 2 March 2017. | R100 000 | Prof X Mangcu | R100 000 |
|  | Decolonising the university -what will it take? Prof Xolela Mangcu/ Prof Ngugi wa Thiongó. University of Cape Town - 3 March 2017. | R100 000 | Prof X Mangcu | R100 000 |
|  | Decolonising the university -what will it take? Prof Xolela Mangcu/ Prof Ngugi wa Thiongó. University of Fort Hare - 4 March 2017. | R100 000 | Prof X Mangcu | R100 000 |
|  | Forging solidarity: Southern Perspectives of popular education. University of Western Cape, 9-11 June 2016 | R992 000 | Prof S Walters | R992 000 |
|  | Rethinking 'Apartheid's Golden Age' - South Africa 1966-1979. 20 June 2016, University of Pretoria. | R132 500 | Dr T Simpson | R132 500 |
|  | Narrative enquiry for social transformation (NEST) colloquium and summer school. 29-31 March 2017. University of Cape Town. | R897 200 | Prof B Peterson | R897 200 |
|  | The political and liberation struggle history of the free state, 1961-2012. 24 February 2017, University of the Free State (Protea Hotel). | R120 000 | Dr C Twala | R120 000 |
|  | The political and liberation struggle history of the free state, 1961-2012. 24 March 2017, University of the Free State (QwaQwa campus – Senate Hall). | R120 000 | Dr C Twala | R120 000 |
|  | Liberation Struggle Histories and Archival Practices. 22 February 2017 (co-hosted by NIHSS). | R150 000 | Mr Omar Badsha | R150 000 |
|  | History and Memory in Liberation Struggles: How far can you go? UNISA, 31 August 2016 (co-hosted by NIHSS). | R150 000 for project funding | Mr. Omar Badsha | R150 000 for project funding |
|  | Leading with productive creativity seminar. 29-30 June 2016, Orlando West, Soweto. | R300 000 | Dr D Krige | R300 000 |
|  | National Dialogue on exploring blackness in South African Universities. 23 May 2016, Rhodes University. | R300 000 | Prof G Khunou | R300 000 |
|  | National Dialogue on exploring blackness in South African Universities. 25 May 2016, North-West University. | R300 000 | Prof G Khunou | R300 000 |
|  | National Dialogue on exploring blackness in South African Universities. 19 October 2016, University of South Africa. | R300 000 | Prof G Khunou | R300 000 |
|  | National Dialogue on exploring blackness in South African Universities. 22 April 2016, University of Limpopo. | R300 000 | Prof G Khunou | R300 000 |
|  | National Dialogue on exploring blackness in South African Universities. 20 April 2016, (meeting of Gauteng Universities - venue not on invite). | R300 000 | Prof G Khunou | R300 000 |
|  | National Dialogue on exploring blackness in South African Universities. 1 June 2016, University of Cape Town. | R300 000 | Prof G Khunou | R300 000 |
|  | Democratic Marxism theory seminar. 2 March 2017, Robert Sobukwe House, University of Witwatersrand. | R300 000 | Prof V Satgar | R300 000 |
|  | Cruel Beyond Belief (book launch event held on 6 March 2017). | R960 000 | Prof E Webster | R960 000 |
|  | The Unresolved National Question (book launch event held on 7 March 2017). | R960 000 | Prof E Webster | R960 000 |
|  | Breaking Intergenerational Cycles of Repetition (book launch event held on 7 March 2017). | R100 000 | Prof P Gobodo-Madikizela | R100 000 |
|  | Mafika Gwala second annual lecture and book launch. 6 October 2016, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Howard College Campus. | R75 000 | Omar Badsha | R75 000 |

1. The Chief Executive Officer approved the spending for each meeting and conference held.
2. The expenditure complied with the NIHSS’s policies. The NIHSS is neither a Department, nor a constitutional institution, nor a public entity listed in Schedule 2 or 3, and therefore the Public Finance Management Act is not applicable to the NIHSS. The Auditor-General of South Africa audits the NIHSS in terms of Section 38 of the Higher Education Act and since its inception has received unqualified audit opinions.