**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2598**

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**"2598. Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology: When are the application dates (a) opening and (b) closing for the board positions of all entities and councils reporting to her?**

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**REPLY:**

Entities reporting to the Minister of Science and Technology:

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| **Entity** | **Current Board/Council expiry date** | **(a) Opening of applications** | **(b) Closing of applications** |
| HSRC | 31/10/2017 | 31 March 2017 | 21 April 2017 |
| NACI | 31/07/2018 | Not later than December 2017 | Within 30 days after publication of the advert |
| SANSA | 31/08/2018 | Not later than January 2018 |  |
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| NRF | 30/09/2018 | Not later than February 2018 |  |
| CSIR | 31/12/2018 | Not later than April 2018 |  |
| SACNASP | 30/04/2019 | Not later than August 2018 |  |
| ASSAF | 31/10/2020 | Not later than February 2020 |  |
| TIA | 30/04/2021 | NOT later than August 2020 |  |

Comments:

There are no specific application dates of opening and closing for the board positions of entities and council reporting to the Minister. However, the reconstitution process to appoint the new Boards/Councils is initiated eight months prior to the expiry date of an individual Board/Council.