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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2626**

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**Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

(1) (a) On what date did the practical studies on (i) the new university of science and innovation in Ekurhuleni and (ii) the new crime detection university in Hammanskraal commence and (b) what is the timeline for completion of the studies;

(2) whether the universities will be classified as university colleges or full universities; if so, what (a)(i) is the reason for the classification in each case and (ii) are the further relevant details and (b) is the estimated cost to establish the universities?

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**REPLY:**

1. The process of establishing the two new higher education institutions commenced in April 2021 with the appointment of a Project Steering Committee constituted by stakeholder representatives from various organisations and sectors.

The two feasibility studies are expected to be completed and submitted to the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation by 31 October 2022.

1. The classification of these two new higher education institutions as university colleges or universities will only be known once the feasibility studies have been completed.