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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**Minister**

**National Assembly question for Written Reply: Question 2657**

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**Ms Bernedette Muthien**

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**Ms. Jenny Schreiner**

**Director General: Department of Women**

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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2657. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Women in The Presidency:**

(1) With regard to the science, technology, engineering and mathematics intervention outlined in the revised strategic focus document of her department which states that, 2 000 women in each year are to be inducted and trained in the specified fields, what (a) funding sources have been identified for this intervention and (b) projected funding figures have been detailed for the (i) current and (ii) any other financial years already planned for;

(2) What plans are in place to ensure that the women who receive their qualifications through this intervention are eventually employed afterwards? NW3088E

**Reply**

1. The department’s Annual Performance Plan of 2015/16 indicates that, in this financial year, the Department will develop intervention plans for girls’ and young women’s access to STEM fields, and that from 2016/17, the target is to enable 2000 girls and young women to access STEM fields per year.
2. Funding sources for this intervention will be the private sector, NSFAS and various partners.
3. There are no projected funding figures as the project depends on sponsorships from the private sector, and partners.
4. As we are aware that these students are sponsored mainly by the private sector, getting employment is guaranteed by the sponsor.

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**Approved by the Minister on**

**Date………………………..**