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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2672**

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**Dr W J Boshoff (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

(1) Whether he has been informed of the alleged financial mismanagement and/or irregularities connected to a certain company (name furnished) which was funded by the Department of Science and Technology; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action has he taken in this regard and (b) will he investigate the specified matter;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

1. The Department was alerted of alleged financial mismanagement related to the Aeroswift 3D printing project.
2. The Department allowed the CSIR Board, as prior recipient of the alleged financial mismanagement, to deal with the matter.
3. The Department will not investigate the matter.

The Department had allowed the CSIR board to investigate the allegations.

1. The Minister might make a statement on the matter, depending the feedback from the CSIR Board.