# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 2822

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**Dr L A Schreiber (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

1. What are the reasons that he has ignored the requests for a meeting from the DAK Netwerk, an organisation dedicated to empowering previously disadvantaged Afrikaans-speakers, for over four months;
2. whether he will commit to hold an urgent meeting with the DAK Netwerk; if not, why not, if so, on what date;
3. what is his response to the arguments held by DAK Netwerk that Afrikaans should be recognised as an indigenous language in the Language Policy Framework for Higher Education? **NW3342E**

# REPLY:

1. It is not correct that I have ignored a request for a meeting with the DAK Netwerk. I responded to the constructive submission made by DAK Netwerk and did not decline a meeting with them.
2. My office is always open to engage on this and all other matters related to the betterment of our higher education system. So, certainly I am available to meet with the DAK Netwerk or any other group for a constructive discussion of these matters.
3. I responded to the submission that was made by DAK Netwerk. I found it very constructive in its engagement on the issue of Afrikaans. I also instructed officials in my Department to obtain legal advice on the definition of indigenous languages in the Language Policy Framework for Higher Education.