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**2842. Ms C King (DA) to ask the Minister Science and Technology:**

(a) What is the total number of partnership projects that her department embarked on with the Chinese government since 1 January 2014 and

(b) What is the estimated investment made by her department and the Chinese government?

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**REPLY:**

(a) The Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) in China run a Joint Research Programme under the Science and Technology Agreement signed by the parties in 1999. The Joint Research Programme is a joint mechanism for **soliciting joint research projects from science communities in both** countries, which are evaluated, ranked and funded with matched funds provided by the DST and the MOST. The DST funds the South African researchers and the MOST funds the Chinese researchers, with equal matched funds.

(b) The collaborative areas of joint research supported includes themes such **as mining, traditional medicines, advanced materials, renewable energy,** biotechnology, water research, palaeontology, environment and **geosciences.**

**PLEASE FIND HERE:** [**The tables below indicate the joint projects funded in line with the agreements negotiated between the DST and the NRF and the MOST and the Natural Science Foundation, China (NSFC).**](http://pmg-assets.s3-website-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/RNW2842reply.pdf)