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# FOR WRITTEN REPLY

## QUESTION NO (3242)

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**3242 Dr A Lotriet (DA) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

**(1) What is the current level of collaboration between the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) and the SA National Space Agency (SANSA);**

**(2) Is the HSRC currently benefiting from prefential pricing from any of SANSA’s products and services with regard to (a) spatial development and migration, (b) HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases and (c) Tuberculosis; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details of the specified benefits in each case?.”**

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**REPLY:**

(1) There is currently no collaboration between the HSRC and SANSA.

(2) None.

**UPDATE:**

Until recently there was little contact between HSRC and SANSA. Since the question was posed to the Minister of DST the two organisations have made some initial contact and are planning a meeting to explore some possible collaborations especially on spatial development and migration. It is also hoped that the meeting will also discuss other areas of potential collaboration including, if possible, HIV/AIDS, STIs and TB. However, the relevance of HIV/AIDS, STIs and TB specifically to SANSA’s work is not a matter we are able to address in this reply.