**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3366**

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**“3366. Ms J F Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

1. **What is the outcome of the Ministerial Review Committee on the enhanced role of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) in the policy advisory niche and (b) what is the current status of the election of the 32 members of ASSAf?**
2. **Have any members been elected? If so, (a) what are the names of each of the elected members and (b) on which date was each of the specified members elected?**
3. **Has a human resource manager been appointed in ASSAf? If not, why not? If so, (a) what is the name of the appointed manager and (b) when was the specified person appointed?**
4. **Did ASSAf appoint four additional interns as at 30 April 2015? If not, why not? If so, (a) what are the names of each of the specified interns and (b) on what date was each specified intern appointed?**
5. **Has the policy and liaison managerial post within ASSAf been filled? If not, why not? If so, (a) what is the name of the appointee and (b) on what date was the specified person appointed?”**

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**REPLY:**

1. The roles of ASSAf and the National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI) have been clarified, with ASSAf being best positioned to provide formal scientific advice through its in-depth, evidence-based long-term studies, and NACI being more suited to provide informal, short-term advice that may be of a confidential and policy nature. ASSAf and NACI have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to this effect.
2. Thirty-two Members were elected in 2013. They were inaugurated on 23 October 2013. Some details about the members are given below.

**ASSAf NEW MEMBERS 2013**

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|  | **NAME** | **GENDER** | **RACE** | **INSTITUTION** |
| 1 | Prof Lee Berger | M | White | Wits |
| 2 | Prof William Bishai | M | White | Nelson R Mandela School of Health |
| 3 | Prof Claude Carignan | M | White | University of Cape Town |
| 4 | Prof Tilman Dedering | M | White | Unisa |
| 5 | Prof Tania Douglas | F | Black | University of Cape Town |
| 6 | Prof Themba Dube | M | Black | Unisa |
| 7 | Prof William Ellery | M | White | Rhodes University |
| 8 | Prof Kobus Eloff | M | White | University of Pretoria |
| 9 | Prof Andrew Forbes | M | White | CSIR |
| 10 | Prof Bao-Zhu Guo | M | Black | Wits |
| 11 | Prof Willem Hanekom | M | White | University of Cape Town |
| 12 | Prof Branislav Jeremic | M | White | Stellenbosch University |
| 13 | Prof Colin Kenyon | M | White | CSIR |
| 14 | Prof Anna Kramvis | F | White | Wits |
| 15 | Ass. Prof Delia Marshall | F | White | University of the Western Cape |
| 16 | Prof Ebrahim Momoniat | M | Black | Wits |
| 17 | Prof Kathryn Myburgh | F | White | Stellenbosch University |
| 18 | Prof Sabelo Ndlovu-Gatsheni | M | Black | Unisa |
| 19 | Prof Marie-Louise Newell | F | White | Africa Centre for Health and Population |
| 20 | Prof Stella Nkomo | F | Black | University of Pretoria |
| 21 | Prof Ruksana Osman | F | Black | Wits |
| 22 | Prof Michael Pepper | M | White | University of Pretoria |
| 23 | Prof Francesco Petruccione | M | White | University of KwaZulu-Natal |
| 24 | Prof Wolfgang Preiser | M | White | Stellenbosch University |
| 25 | Prof Jeremy Seekings | M | White | University of Cape Town |
| 26 | Prof Dirk Smit | M | White | Stellenbosch University |
| 27 | Prof Mark Solms | M | White | University of Cape Town |
| 28 | Prof Gary Stevens | M | White | Stellenbosch University |
| 29 | Prof Caroline Tiemessen | F | White | National Institute of Communicable Diseases |
| 30 | Prof Louise Viljoen | F | White | Stellenbosch University |
| 31 | Prof Maria Watt | F | White | University of KwaZulu-Natal |
| 32 | Prof Derek Yach | M | White | The Vitality Group (Discovery Holdings) |

1. In 2014, 23 new ASSAf Members were elected and these members were inaugurated at the Annual Awards ceremony on 14 October 2014 (their details are shown below):

**ASSAf NEW MEMBERS 2014**

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|  | **NAME** | **GENDER** | **RACE** | **INSTITUTION** |
| 1 | Professor Marion Bamford | F | White | Wits |
| 2 | Professor Markus Böttcher | M | White | North West University |
| 3 | Professor Jeanet Conradie | F | White | University of the Free State |
| 4 | Professor Wim de Villiers | M | White | University of Cape Town |
| 5 | Professor Eno Ebenso | M | Black | North West University |
| 6 | Professor Liesel Ebersöhn | F | White | University of Pretoria |
| 7 | Professor Sabiha Essack | F | Black | University of Kwazulu-Natal |
| 8 | Professor Amanda Gouws | F | White | Stellenbosch University |
| 9 | Professor Shireen Hassim | F | Black | Wits |
| 10 | Professor Salomé Kruger | F | White | North West University |
| 11 | Professor Robert Mattes | M | White | University of Cape Town |
| 12 | Professor Dhayendre Moodley | M | Black | University of Kwazulu-Natal |
| 13 | Professor Linus Opara | M | Black | Stellenbosch University |
| 14 | Dr Nesri Padayatchi | M | Black | University of Kwazulu-Natal |
| 15 | Professor Laurence Piper | M | White | University of the Western Cape |
| 16 | Professor Sekhar Ray | M | Black | Unisa |
| 17 | Professor Neerish Revaprasadu | M | Black | University of Zululand |
| 18 | Professor Christian Rogerson | M | White | University of Johannesburg |
| 19 | Professor Mohamed Seedat | M | Black | Unisa |
| 20 | Professor Sheona Shackleton | F | White | Rhodes University |
| 21 | Professor Ivan Turok | M | White | HSRC |
| 22 | Professor Karel Viljoen | M | White | University of Johannesburg |
| 23 | Professor Charles Wiysonge | M | Black | Stellenbosch University |

1. Mrs Lynette du Plessis was appointed as Human Resources Manager with effect from 1 January 2015.
2. Interns appointed were:

Ntambudzeni Tshiswaise 4 May 2015

Uve Gcilishe 1 April 2015

Mmaphuthi Mashiachidi 1 April 2015

Agatha Khanyisa 1 June 2015

1. Mr Stanley Maphosa was appointed as the policy and liaison manager with effect from 2 March 2015.