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WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 3381

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3391. Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:

1. Whether she has found it within normal parameters for three members of the Board of the National Research Foundation to come from a single University, the University of Johannesburg?

REPLY:

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* 1. Yes, The Board of the National Research Foundation (NRF) was appointed in line with section 6(3) of the NRF Act,1988 (Act No 23 of 1988) as amended by the Science and Technology Laws amendment, 2014 (Act No 7 of 2014). In terms of the Act, members of the NRF Board must all be persons who havs achieved distinction in the fields of research, technology, technology management, business or civil society, and they must broadly represent the higher education, broad scientific disciplines the business sector and civil society.
  2. The three Board members from the University of Johannesburg were appointed to represent the sectors, namely; Higher Education; Broad Scientific Disciplines and Governance. Due consideration was also given to, among other things, the capacity of an individual to influence preferred outcomes (internally and externally) through his/her involvement on the Board, and the availability to meaningfully contribute their time and abilities to the affairs of the Board irrespective of their institutional association.