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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 396**

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**Mr B BNodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

With reference to his declaration that he will appoint a Ministerial Task Team to review the business processes and functionality of *the National Student Financial Aid Scheme*to ensure that the bursary scheme functions optimally, (a) on what date will the task team be appointed, (b) who will serve on the task team, (c) what are the terms of reference for the task team and (d) what is the timeline for the task team to complete the work?

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**REPLY:**

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology is currently appraising the draft Terms of Reference and composition of the Ministerial Committee of Inquiry to conduct a formal independent review of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme. Once approved, a notice will be published in the Government Gazette outlining the date of appointment, committee members, scope and timelines for the inquiry.