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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 4250**

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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 47 OF 2022**

 **Mr S S Zondo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

(1) How does his department plan to continue supporting the SA Space Weather Centre that was recently launched by the SA National Space Agency (SANSA), which reportedly cost his department and SANSA R70,89 million and R36,6 million respectively;

(2) whether he will furnish Mr S S Zondo with an itemised breakdown of the funds allocated towards the centre; if not, why not; if so, what are the full, relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

1. The Department funded the construction of the Space Weather Centre from the Programme 2: Technology Innovation budget reprioritization. This amount was allocated from the Innovation Priorities and Instruments Chief Directorate for a period of three years.

SANSA intends to generate its own revenue; however, it requires financial support for a period of five years while it improves its revenue generation.

1. The cashflow analysis is attached as Tag B. A more detailed breakdown will be made available by SANSA, should Mr Zondo request it.