**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 654**

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

1. **Whether the status of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) has been clarified in terms of the type of entity it is for auditing purposes; if not, why not; if so, what is the status of the ASSAf;**
2. **whether the required supply chain management policies and procedures have been put in place by the ASSAf management; if not, (a) why not and (b) by what date will it be done; if so, what are the relevant details?”**

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**REPLY:**

1. The status of ASSAf has not yet been clarified. The matter is currently being dealt with by the Academy, Department of Science and Technology (DST) and National Treasury.
2. The required supply chain management policies and procedures have been put in place by the ASSAf management;
3. N/A.
4. The required supply chain management (SCM) policies and procedures have been revised in order to ensure compliance with the Public Finance Management Act and have been put in place by the ASSAf management. Furthermore, a dedicated SCM Administrator has been appointed.