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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 869**

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**Ms S Gwarube (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

What is the breakdown of the R95 million allocated by the Government towards the development of COVID-19 (a) vaccines, (b) treatment and (c) therapeutics?

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**REPLY:**

The Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) has committed an amount of ~R95 million for COVID-19 biomedical research and innovation activities covering in the following fields of research:

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| **Research field** | **Amount disbursed** |
| 1. Prevention and vaccines | R7 684 831 |
| 1. Repurposing of Drugs for Treatment | R8 483 130 |
| 1. Convalescent sera | R4 571 244 |
| 1. Understanding the disease | R2 877 495 |
| 1. Diagnostics | R16 491 509 |
| 1. Genomic Surveillance | R36 338 830 |
| 1. Wastewater Surveillance | R345 989 |
| 1. Surveillance /Epidemiology | R2 128 665 |
| 1. 501Y.V2 variant | R7 636 395 |
| **Total amount committed /disbursed** | **R86 558 088** |
| Amount still to be allocated | R8 441 912 |