**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 97**

**QUESTION 97 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: MR Y CASSIM (DA): PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT**

**“97”. Mr Y Cassim (DA) to ask the Minister of Science and Technology:**

1. **Whether she has entered into a performance agreement with the President Jacob G Zuma, with regard to the implementation of the Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) 2014- 2019; if not why not; if so (a) which indicators and targets from the MTSF are reflected in the agreement, (b) how many performance assessments has she undertaken in consultation with the President since the agreement was signed; (c) what progress has been made in meeting the key indicators and targets form the MTSF, (d) what are the key obstacles to implementation and (e) what is the plan to address such obstacles?**

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**REPLY:**

1. The Minister has a signed performance agreement translated from the Medium Term Strategic Framework for a 5 year period.

(a) (a) Outcome 4: Decent employment through inclusive growth.

Suboutcome 10: Investment in research, development and innovation supports inclusive growth by enhancing productivity of existing and emerging enterprises and improving the living conditions of the poor.

Outcome 5: A skilled and capable workforce to support an inclusive growth path.

Suboutcome 3: Increase access to high level occupationally directed programmes in needed areas.

Outcome 6: An efficient, competitive and responsive economic infrastructure network

Suboutcome 5: Expansion, modernisation, access and affordability of South Africa’s information and communication infrastructure ensured.

Outcome 10: Protect and enhance our environmental assets and natural resources.

Suboutcome 2: An effective climate change mitigation and adaptation response

1. (b) (c) (d) (e) These documents form the basis of the department being held accountable by Parliament on a quarterly basis and also being held accountable by the public.  The performance agreement of the Minister is therefore publicly assessed through the Portfolio Committees on a regular basis.