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Minister of Science and Technology
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Dear Minister Hanekom

HUMAN SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL (HSRC) PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 2012/13.

Please find attached herewith the 2012/13 2ND quarter performance reports of the HSRC, for your perusal as follows:

1. 2nd quarter performance report – 01 July to 30 September 2012;
2. Report on Income and Expenditure for the quarter ended 30 September 2012, including the report on ring-fenced expenditure
3. Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) compliance checklist (1 July to 30 September 2012).
4. Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) compliance checklist (1 July to 30 September 2012).

The HSRC is committed towards addressing all the mandated objectives and performance targets entrusted to it, thereby helping to address national priorities and global developmental imperatives. We are pleased that our work will contribute towards achieving goals identified for the Human and Social Dynamics Grand Challenge in the context of the ten-year plan for innovation.

Measures and associated performance targets are contained in the HSRC's Strategic Plan for 2012/13 to 2017/18 and Annual Performance Plan for 2012/13, and have been integrated into the performance management system of the HSRC.

The performance report against performance indicators has been prepared in line with National Treasury guidelines for quarterly performance reporting issued in August 2011. The report summarises progress to date against ADEPTS indicators and performance targets set for the HSRC.

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The attached report shows progress made on a quarterly basis accumulating to an annual basis. By 30 September 2012, the HSRC achieved 87.5% performance against ADEPTS indicators now due for reporting and can be summarised as follows:

A-Advance	60% (Achieved 6 out of 10 with one annual target already exceeded)
D-Develop	100% (Achieved 1 out of 1)
E-Enhance	100% (Achieved 3 out of 3 with one annual target already exceeded)
P-Preserve	112.5% (Preserved 9 datasets exceeding our quarterly target of 8)
T-Transform	100% (Achieved 3 out of 3)
S-Sustain	75% (Achieved 3 out of 4 with two annual targets already exceeded)

The HSRC continuously monitors progress with the implementation of deliverables agreed upon in its annual performance plan and actual outputs are validated by different management structures. The 2012/13 quarterly performance reports against strategic objectives will be reviewed by the HSRC Board at its meeting in November 2012.

Other reporting requirements listed in the Shareholder's Compact are also receiving the necessary attention from the HSRC.

We trust that you will find this information in order, and look forward to further engagements with you and officials from your Department in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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