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Dear Minister Hanekom

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

First, let me take this opportunity to thank you for visiting the HSRC in the last part of last year and the support you give to the social sciences. We found your visit very informative; the guidance you gave us in conducting our work is useful as we move forward with our program for this year. We look forward to continue to work with you in your new capacity.

On a quarterly basis, we prepare a report for your review. Please find attached herewith the 2012/13 3rd quarter performance reports of the HSRC, for your perusal as follows:

1. 3rd quarter performance report – 01 October to 31 December 2012;
2. Report on Income and Expenditure for the quarter ended 31 December 2012, including the report on ring-fenced expenditure
3. Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) compliance checklist (1 October to 31 December 2012).
4. Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) compliance checklist (1 October to 31 December 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 report against performance indicators has been prepared in line with National Treasury guidelines 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 31 December 2012, the HSRC achieved 83% performance against ADEPTS indicators now due for reporting and can be summarised as follows:

A-Advance	80% (Achieved 8 out of 10 with 4 quarterly targets exceeded)
D-Develop	50% (Achieved 1 out of 2 with 1 quarterly target exceeded)
E-Enhance	100% (Achieved 3 out of 3 with 2 annual targets already exceeded)
P-Preserve	93% (Preserved 13 out of 14 datasets)
T-Transform	100% (Achieved 2 out of 2 with 1 quarterly target exceeded)
S-Sustain	100% (Achieved 5 out of 5 with 4 quarterly targets exceeded)

Some research projects listed in the Annual Performance Plan were not funded and one was moved to Wits University by the funder, we have therefore replaced these projects as per the following table:

Indicator	Project as per APP	New replacement project	Remarks
12	Trends In Mathematics & Science Study (TIMSS): Assessment studies to measure the impact of government programmes on learning outcomes in the schooling system and provide insights for further interventions to improve educational outcomes in Mathematics, Science and English.	Youth Into Science Strategy (YISS): Assessment study on the impact of educational interventions by DST & DBE.	The TIMSS survey was completed in 2012/13.
13 & 14	Birth to Twenty: A study on child and adolescent determinants of adult health, human capital and social wellbeing and to ascertain the inter-generational effects of adversity with a view to develop interventions to be implemented proactively to minimise loss to human potential.	MP3 Phase II: HIV treatment and prevention through home-based HIV counselling and testing and facilitated referral in Uganda and South Africa.	The Birth to Twenty project was moved to Wits by the funder.

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 February 2013.

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



In addition to the 3rd Quarter Performance Report, we have also included selected performance highlights for the period under review, as well as an update on recommendations and matters raised in the Minister's approval of the 2012/13 Annual Performance Plan.

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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