

Communications Report

The number of “Ask an Astronomer” questions have increased markedly since the CV19 lockdown! Probably because there is a lack of social activity people are looking up and wanting to buy telescopes!

The bulk of the questions are answered by me, some are forwarded to ASSA members who would benefit from the Astronomical up-dates that I receive and all enquiries about careers and other details, like; how much do Astronomers earn, how do I become an Astronomer, can I get a job as an Astronomer, etc. are forwarded to Sivuyile Mnaxoyi, at the SAAO.

I have had 151 queries since my last report for the AGM, about 125 from mid-March; so I guess that people are looking at our website!

I do however think that our internal communications could be better, in that questions posed using ASSA communication links are tardily responded to, some never, with the notable exception of Kos Coronaios and Tim Cooper.