



SUBMISSION

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE (ATC) REPORTS NO. 120—2022]: A PETITION RECEIVED FROM MR. T W MHLONGO, MP, ON BEHALF OF SOME 31 000 SIGNATORIES, CALLING ON THE ASSEMBLY TO INVESTIGATE THE COMMISSIONING BY THE MINISTER OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE OF A FLAG AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF R22 MILLION.

INTRODUCTION

- The above-mentioned document, Announcements, Tabling and Committee (ATC) Reports, No.120 - 2022 dated 18 August 2022 was shared with the Department for further attention.
 (Annexure A).
- 2. A draft reply to the document is enclosed for the Director-General's consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. It is recommended that the Director-General approve the draft reply enclosed in pocket 2 if the Director-General concur with its contents.

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DATE: 2022/08/29









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REPLY:

In 2020 the Department commissioned a Feasibility Study towards the development of the South African Monumental Flag. The Feasibility Study indicated that the South African Monumental Flag Project is feasible. The Feasibility Study Report was presented and approved by the Technical Working Group on 17 August 2021 and by the Social Protection, Community and Human Development (SPCHD) Cluster on 8 September 2021. The Feasibility Study Report was further presented to Cabinet on 10 February 2022 where it received favourable considerations. The Cabinet Committee approved the implementation of the Feasibility Study Report on the SA National Monumental Flag Project.









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When the news of this project broke in May 2022, it attracted negative feedback. There was a general misunderstanding of this project, which resulted in the President of the Republic advising that it should be discontinued. Since then, all operational activities

towards the development of the Monumental Flag Project following the Presidential pronouncement were stopped. Therefore, there was no commissioning by the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture of a flag at an estimated cost of R22 million.





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National Assembly

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National Assembly and National Council of Provinces

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- (a) Integrated Report of the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) for 2021-22, including the Financial Statements for 2021-22.
- (b) Annual Financial Statements of the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) for 2021-22, including the Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements and Performance Information for 2021-22.
- (c) Sustainability Review of the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) for 2021-22.

National Assembly

1. The Speaker

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