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Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture  
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Dear Honourable Dlulane

**Briefing on the expenditure of the Mzansi National Philharmonic Orchestra to the portfolio committee on sport, arts and culture**

In response to your letter requesting the AGSA to make a detailed presentation on the above matter to the portfolio committee, we are unfortunately not in a position to do so at the moment, due to the reasons outlined below:

During the previous year's audit, we raised a finding in the management report of the National Arts Council (NAC) on possible irregular expenditure in relation to a transfer made to the orchestra. However, a conclusion could not be reached at the time as NAC's management indicated that they did not have some of the key outstanding information, as certain processes were handled by the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (department). Management of the NAC subsequently disclosed the amount transferred to the orchestra as irregular expenditure under investigation, which means that it was unconfirmed.

The audit team is currently gathering more information from the department to assist us in evaluating and concluding on whether there was any non-compliance with the relevant prescripts. We will brief the committee on the matter once we have finalised the 2022-23 audits. Please contact us should you require further clarity in the meantime.

Yours sincerely

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