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**Dr G A Grootboom (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:**

Has the position of chief executive officer at the Robben Island Museum been filled; if not, when will the specified position be filled; if so, when was the specified position filled?

**REPLY:**

The position of the Chief Executive Officer at the Robben Island (RIM) has not been filled yet. The first advert for the position was published in September 2015 and interviews were held in October/November 2015. The preferred candidate from the interviews turned down the offer. The Council of RIM decided to re-advertise the position in February 2016 since the second and third placed candidates did not meet the criteria (according to the scoring method used). The closing date for the second advert was March 2016 and interviews are scheduled for 28 April 2016.

It is anticipated that the RIM CEO position will be filled by 1 July 2016. The interviews and other forms of assessments (including the competency assessments and screenings) of qualifying candidates are anticipated to be finalised by May 2016. It is also envisaged that the final employment offer will be made by May 2016 to allow the preferred candidate to serve the stipulated one month notice (i.e. the month of June).