**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1128-2022**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**“Mr. T W Mhlongo (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(1) (a) Who initiated the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) Project Flamingo and (b) on what date was it established; (2) (a) what was the purpose of establishing Project Flamingo, (b) what are the reasons that the specified project is a confidential matter, (c) who are the beneficiaries of and (d) what amount has been in the bank account of the project since its inception;

(3) whether SASCOC adhered to all constitutional prescriptions and legal requirements to establish Project Flamingo; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW1380E**

**REPLY**

The South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee in its response indicated the following;

1. a) Project Flamingo was a code name for the investigative process conducted by Norton Rose Fulbright (NRF) on behalf of the SASCOC Board. NRF chose the name.

b) The name of the investigation was first mentioned in an email by NRF on 24 July 2017.

1. a) The investigation, code-named Project Flamingo, was set up to investigate and report on the conduct of the Former CEO.

b) The investigation, code-named Project Flamingo, was set up to confidentially investigate and report on the conduct of the former CEO.

c) There are no beneficiaries.

d) There was and is no bank account for the confidential investigation by NRF, code-named by NRF called Project Flamingo.

1. Constitutional and legal prescripts and requirements were followed. The confidential investigation which NRF code-named Project Flamingo, was established on the legal advice and guidance, provided by NRF as part of the investigation into the conduct of the former CEO. The CCMA Case is still pending and the report remains confidential.