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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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 **Dr P W A Mulder (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:**

(1) (a). How many translators are currently in service to his department, (b) in which languages do the specified translators perform translation work and (c) what is the average annual remuneration of (i) a translator and (ii) the sum total of all the translators in his department;

(2) whether he has taken any steps or plans to take steps with regard to building capacity of translation services in his department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1606E

**REPLY**

1. (a). There is currently a total of fifteen (15) translators in service to the department,
2. (b) these in house translators perform translation work in all the official languages including French and Portuguese,
3. (c) (i) the annual remuneration of translators are according to their levels which are level eight (8) with notches ranging from 91,404 to 107,670 and level nine (9) with notches ranging from 311, 784 – 376, 626 per annum, (ii) the sum total of all the translators in the department is fifteen (15).

(2). Yes, steps have been taken in the department with regards to building of capacity of translation services. Translators attended on-going development training in areas such as basic copy editing, proof reading and advancement in foreign languages. In addition, there are a number of translators who have registered with various institutions of higher learning through the DAC bursary scheme for the long term formal programs such as studies in applied linguistics.