**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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“Dr GA Grootboom (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture’

With reference to the allocations of funds by his department for orchestras in each province, on which projects and/or initiatives was the funding allocated to the (a) North West and (b) Limpopo spent? NW1721E

**REPLY:**

The DAC did not allocate funds directly to orchestras, rather funds were ring fenced within the budget of the National Arts Council and transferred to 3 orchestras based on submitted proposals and contracts in 2016/17 in the Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal. No orchestras were directly funded in Limpopo or North West in the year under review. The Limpopo Youth Orchestra will however be provided with an opportunity to participate in a cultural programme in Kuwait in October 2017 as part of a cultural exchange programme. In this regard, the DAC will cover the international flights, per diems and performance fees, while the government of Kuwait will cover domestic hosting costs.