**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION No. 1579 – 2018**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Adv A de W Alberts (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:**

1. (a) Whether a decision was taken regarding a fixed date to implement the South African Language Practitioners’ Council Act, Act 8 of 2014, of which regulations have already been announced on 13 November 2015; if not, why not;
2. Whether any steps were taken by his department to expedite the implementation of the Act and with that, the appointment of the Board; if not; why not; if so, what steps;
3. Whether he will make a statement on the matter? **NW1729E**

**REPLY**

1. (a) There was no decision taken regarding a fixed date to implement the South African Language Practitioners’ Council Act, Act 8 of 2014 because there is no budget to implement the Act.
2. According to the Act, the Council should be funded with the budget appropriated by Parliament. In line with this aforesaid requirement, the Department has approached Treasury for the budget to establish and fund the Council, but to no avail.

3). The Department will make a statement on the matter when the budget is available.