**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1831-2016**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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

(1) Whether, in line with the responsibilities of his department to build non- racialism through community dialogues relating to sub-outcome 2 of outcome 15 of the National Development Plan, the specified community dialogues have commenced; if not, why not; if so, (a) where; (b) when has each of the specified dialogues taken place? **NW2140E**

**REPLY:**

1. The Department concluded the appointment of a service provider to conduct community conversations over a period of three years. The first phase of the community conversations were concluded in the last financial year and the second phase of the community conversations have commenced. A total of four community conversations were concluded in Northern Cape (Calvinia, Carnarvon, Prieska, Kimberly); two community conversations were held in Limpopo (Schoonoort and Modimolle); and three community conversations were held in Mpumalanga (Ermelo, Delmas, Lydenburg) thus far.

2. The community conversations took place from 16 – 19 August 2016 in Northern Cape; 30 – 31 August 2016 in Limpopo; 06 - 08 September 2016 in Mpumalanga.

**SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS**

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| **Province**  | **Town** | **Local Municipality**  | **District Municipality** | **Area** | **Venue** | **Date-2016** |
| Nothern Cape | Calvinia | Namakhoi  | Namakwa  | Semi-urban | Tromp Nell Hall  | 16 Aug  |
|  | Carnarvon | Kareeberg  | Pixley ka Seme | Semi-urban | DRC Hall | 17 Aug |
|  | Prieska | Siyathemba | Pixley ka Seme | Rural | Steps of Omega Hall | 18 Aug |
|  | Kimberley | Sol Plaatje | Frances Baard | Urban | MGregor Museum | 19 Aug |
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| Limpopo | Schoonoort | Mkhuduthamasa/Elias Motsoaledi/Fetakgome | Sekhukhune | Rural | Peter Nchabeleng Hall | 30 Aug |
|  | Modimolle | Thabazimbi/Modimolle/Bela Bela | Waterberg | Semi-urban | Library Auditorium | 31 Aug |
|  | Tzaneen | Did not take place – Cancelled by DAC Provincial | 1 Sep |
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| Mpumalanga | Ermelo | Msukaligwa | Gert Sibande | Semi-urban | Transnet School Of Rail Hall | 6 Sep |
|  | Delmas | Victor Khanye | Nkangala | Semi-urban | Braam Fisher Hall | 7 Sep |
|  | Lydenburg | Thebe Cheu | Enhlanzeni | Semi-urban | Civic Center | 8 Sep |
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