NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION NO. 1867-2023

WRITTEN REPLY

INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 18-2023 DATED 19 MAY 2023

“**Mrs V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(1). What number of musicians (a) did the (i) KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra and (ii) Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra have when each was established and (b) are still on the payroll of each orchestra;

(2). whether the KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra which had between 65 and 70 musicians have now had their figure cut to 20 musicians; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3). whether the musicians of the Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra and Mzansi National Philharmonic Orchestra are permanent; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW2118E**

**REPLY**

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As stated before, the National Orchestra does not employ permanent musicians but draws on the best available musicians from multiple provinces throughout the country.