NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION NO. 1868-2023

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 is the total number of (a) permanent and (b) temporary musicians who received monthly payments from the (i) Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra, (ii) KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra in the past five years and (iii) Mzansi National Philharmonic Orchestra since it was established? **NW2119E**

**REPLY**

1. (a)(b). As stated in the previous answer, the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC) does not administer provincial and city orchestras. And these orchestras do not report to DSAC. Therefore, DSAC is not able to answer your questions ‘regarding operational matters of provincial and city orchestras.

 iii). The National Orchestra does not have permanent musicians but draws its musicians from multiple provinces throughout the country and engages these musicians as per each programme’s needs. As stated above, we commend the National Orchestra for providing 1012 (one thousand and twelve) job opportunities in 2022 for orchestral players and choir members who come from multiple provinces of South Africa.