**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1920-2023**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

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

**“Mr. BS Madlingozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Whether there will be any real changes and/or measures put in place to hold accountable the persons in the National Arts Council who mismanaged monies from The Presidential Employment Stimulus Programme (PESP) 1, 2 and 3 during the COVID-19 period to date; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW2177E**

**REPLY:**

PESP 1: the 2020 allocation was implemented in the 2021/22 financial year.

PESP 2: There was no allocation made to the NAC to implement.

PESP 3: There were no issues with the implementation.

Consequence Management was instituted against persons implicated in the Forensic report as follows:

**1. Council Members:** All findings related to Council Members were dealt with by the Minister’s Office as the National Arts Council did not have jurisdiction over them.

**2. Senior Management:** All findings related to Senior Management were dealt with through an internal disciplinary hearing process by the National Arts Council.

**2.1 Ms. Rosemary Mangope- CEO**

The disciplinary hearings of the CEO commenced in December 2021. The hearing proceeded before an Independent Chairperson on 14 December 2021; 7, 8, 9 and 10 February 2022; 23 and 25 March 2022; and 4 April 2022. The matter was concluded through a settlement agreement reached in April 2022.

 **2.2 Mr Clifton Changfoot – CFO**

The disciplinary hearings of the CFO commenced in December 2021. The hearing proceeded before an Independent Chairperson on 24, 25, 28 January 2022, and 14,15, 16, and 17 March 2022. Following a disciplinary process on the 9th of May 2022, the Chairperson of the disciplinary inquiry issued a ruling of guilt against the CFO. The employee was dismissed.