**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1962-2022**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO.18–2022, DATE OF PUBLICATION 20 MAY 2022**

**“Mr. D Joseph (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

In light of the ongoing negative media statements on the affairs of rugby, such as the statement by the Eastern Province Rugby President that the Springbok rugby emblem represents racism, and with regard to the ongoing disputes between national rugby management and certain provincial rugby unions, what role will his department play to enhance (a) nation building and (b) social cohesion with regard to the disputes? **NW2302E**

**REPLY**

There are established protocols and procedures to deal with any and all disputes within the sport and recreation sector, starting with internal processes with the affected organizations, escalating to intervention by SASCOC and thereafter the Ministry of Sport, Arts and Culture.

All disputes will be dealt with in accordance with the process once they reach the office of the Minister.

All disputes are dealt with according to section 13, 5b of the National Sport and Recreation Act.