**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO.2216-2016**

#### FOR WRITTEN REPLY

**DATE OF PUBLICATION 21 October 2016: INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER No. 31 -2016: MR G A Grootboom (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:**

(1) Whether with reference to his department’s 2015-16 annual report wherein the Auditor- General of South Africa indicated that his department was in dereliction of its duties by incurring irregular expenditure, any action has been taken against the management of his department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether he has subsequently instituted any management strategies to prevent the reoccurrence of dereliction of duties in the future; if not, why not; if so what are the relevant details of the strategies that have been instituted? NW2545

**REPLY:**

1. I have taken note of the observations made by the Auditor General, as a result of his observations, investigations were done and all the implicated officials are being taken through the disciplinary process as we speak.
2. I have instructed the ADG and his team to develop a plan to combat future occurances of this nature. This plan contains amongst others the following:
* Demand & Acquisition Unit to verify that supplier have quoted according to specifications. If not an approved motivation to attached prior to appointment.
* Demand & Acquisition Unit to test the validity of the motivation against the set criteria in the SCM policy
* Suppliers who are unable to submit a valid tax certificate to be automatically disqualified. SCM officials to verify that suppliers are registered in the National Treasury central supplier database, and that their tax status is compliant
* Demand & Acquisition Unit to provide and attach proof that various suppliers were approached and given opportunity but still it was not possible obtain the prescribed minimum number of quotations.
* It is now a mandatory requirement as per National Treasury SCM Instruction note 4 A of 206/2017 to utilise service providers that are registered on the Central Supplier Database. Demand & Acquisition Unit to obtain quotations strictly from suppliers registered on the CSD.
* An official in the Office of CFO to be assigned to review compliance with SCM prior to processing of orders or appointment of suppliers