**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2773 – 2022**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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

(1) Whether the whole geographical area of Langa in Cape Town has been declared a heritage area; if not, which parts and/or buildings have been declared as heritage; if so, what are the relevant details.

(2) whether, given the political history of the area, his department will consider declaring Langa or parts of Langa as heritage sites; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the process to be followed in order to make the declaration? **NW3360E**

**REPLY:**

1. Langa Township has been identified as an area of significance and has been given a Grade 1 status. However, the whole geographical area of Langa in Cape town has not been declared as a heritage area. The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) has identified the following sites in Langa for future declaration:
* Main Barracks
* Kitchen Complex
* Washington Drive
* Migrant Passage (Old Pass Office)
* Site Of Old Dipping Hut
* Old Police Station
* Laborers Hostels

1. In accordance with section 27 subsection (3) of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999, any person may submit a nomination to SAHRA for a place to be declared a national heritage site or to the provincial heritage resources authority for a place to be declared a provincial heritage site.

The heritage resources authority concerned may prescribe the format and procedures for such nominations. SAHRA considers Langa to be a highly significant area and will be looking to formalise the protection of the resources we have identified. We also encourage any members of the public to nominate any sites in Langa that they feel are significant.