**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**“Mr GA Grootboom (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:**

(1)(a) What was his department’s mandate regarding the completion of the Enyokeni project and (b) what financial obligations were set;

(2) whether the (a) mandate and (b) financial obligations were met; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? **NW3111E**

**REPLY:**

1 (a).The Department’s mandate for 2017/18 financial year was to reprioritise the completion of the project elements such as the multipurpose cultural dome (amphitheatre). The focus was to complete the amphitheatre with its elements for it to be functional.

(b). The financial obligation set for 2017/18 financial year is R28.1 million budget for the completion of the multipurpose amphitheatre facility subject to confirmation by Bill of Quantities (BOQ). Not completing the project may lead to further wasteful and fruitless expenditure and the incomplete structure, as it becomes increasingly disused, and will reflect badly on the government of the day.

2.(a). The Department is working towards meeting and realising the mandate of what has been planned for through engaging and consulting National Treasury for advice as well as all relevant key stakeholders by holding on-going engagements on the attainment of the objective.

(b). At present the department is working on consolidating cost estimates for the outstanding project elements to be submitted to National Treasury to advise on the best option that could be considered as a way forward for this project.