**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO: 3386-2018**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**“DR G A GROOTBOOM (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF ARTS AND CULTURE”**

(a). Why has the Chief Executive Officer of the Pan South African Language Board been on suspension for months and (b) on what date will the suspension (i) be lifted or (ii) the specified person be charged? NW3875E

**REPLY:**

1. The Chief Executive Officer of the Pan South African Language Board instituted legal action out of the Pretoria High Court under case no. 43870/18 as well as the Labour Court in Johannesburg under case no.J2689/18. In the circumstances, disciplinary proceedings cannot be commenced with, until these two cases have been finalised.
2. (i) The Johannesburg Labour Court matter was heard on the 07th of November 2018, the Department currently awaits Judgment. The Pretoria High Court matter will be heard again on the 04th of February 2019. The lifting of the suspension therefore will largely depend on outcome of judgment in each of these cases.

(ii) The specified person has already been charged.