NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION NO. 344-2023

WRITTEN REPLY

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“Mr B S Madlingozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

By what date will he put a stop to the decay in his department, following the appointment of Mr Bongani Tembe, as a member of the Board of Directors of Mzansi Philharmonic Orchestra, not only for Gauteng but also for KwaZulu-Natal, that allows him to commit wasteful expenditure of the taxpayer’s money without being accountable to anyone? **NW359E**

**REPLY**

Kindly note that, I cannot confirm the accuracy of the statement and question provided by the Honourable member Madlingozi without additional positive evidence or information about the wasteful expenditure he referred to. However, and as a general rule, it is not uncommon for organisations and individuals that receive public funding to be subjected to strict regulations and guidelines regarding the use of those funds.

In the case of the Mzansi National Philharmonic Orchestra, such obligations are stipulated within the agreement that the Mzansi National Philharmonic Orchestra had entered into with the National Arts Council. In this context, strict measures will certainly be taken in cases where the public funds are not used in accordance with the agreement.

The measures will include penalties or other consequences for any organisation or individual found to be in violation of the applicable rules regarding the usage of the resources. Therefore, the Department will only act when evidence of such violation/s have been brought to light.