**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Dr G A Grootboom (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture**:

(1). Whether, with reference to the high levels of non-compliance with the implementation of the Use of Official Languages Act, Act 12 of 2012, his department, with or without the Pan South African Language Board, has organised a policy drafting workshop to assist the departments and government entities in formulating their language policies; if not, when will his department host such a workshop;

(2). in terms of the Act, what assistance was given by his department to departments to ensure that the policies it has received comply with adherence to standard it set

(3). what measures does his department propose to enforce compliance with the specific Act**?** NW4215E

**REPLY**

1. Yes, my department conducted various workshops and National Language Fora with national government departments, national public entities and national public enterprises during which the department workshoped them on how to write their language policies.
2. The workshops conducted by my department yielded positive results as policies received, comply with the prescripts of the Act. The department also gives advice and makes comments when and where necessary.
3. The department is in a process of appointing a service provider to enforce compliance on the Use of Official Languages Act, 12 of 2012.