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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. What is the status of the financial evaluation of all the national assets currently in museums in South Africa;

(2).has his department assessed what will be the cost of (a) tagging and evaluating museum pieces and (b) upgrading security at museums to protect national assets; if not, why not; if so, what is the detailed costs thereof?NW4216E

**REPLY:**

1. All museums reporting to me has commenced with the process of recording and evaluation of their national heritage assets. The first phase entails the capturing, verifying and conversion of manual registers into electronic asset registers. The financial evaluation phase will commence once phase 1 has been concluded and is subject to availability of funds.

2(a) The preliminary assessment done by my department pertaining to the tagging and evaluation of the museums pieces revealed that the exercise will cost in the region of about R205 million.

(b) An assessment was done on the status of security at museums. Given the inputs received from the museums, a costing exercise will be conducted to determine the budget required to upgrade security features at various museums in South Africa.