**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3918 – 2022**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO.42- 2022, DATED 28 OCTOBER 2022:**

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

1. Whether he has found the merger of the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Department of Arts and Culture was sound given the high number of litigations from sporting and art codes which his department currently faces; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the: (a).gains and (b). value that has been attained thus far. **NW4882E**

**REPLY**

1. Since the merger there has been a downward trend of new litigation matters reported. The Department predominantly deals with pending matters which occurred before the merger.

(a). Consequent to the merger the Department’s Legal Services Unit now has more staff members from both former Departments, with different skills and experience.

(b). Quality of Advisory Services and legal counsel for DSAC has improved resulting in the settlement of disputes before they escalate into litigation matters.