**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 4709**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 51–2022, DATE OF PUBLICATION 02 FRIDAY 2022:**

**“Inkosi B N Luthuli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Following reports that he has appointed a repatriation and restitution advisory committee for the liberation war veterans who died while outside the Republic during apartheid, what (a) are the details as to the committee’s progress and (b) total amount is the appointment of the committee costing taxpayers?

**REPLY**

(a) The Minister appointed the advisory committee for the Repatriation and Restitution Advisory Committee in 2021 immediately after the Cabinet had approved the National Policy on the expatriation of Human Remains and Heritage Objects to develop criteria, monitor its implementation and advise on ethical matters related to the restitution and repatriation of human remains.

The Advisory Committee had its first meeting on 03 December 2021 and comprises the DSAC, DMV, eminent members in the academia and members from other sectors with extensive experience on heritage, memorialisation and repatriation of human remains.

A second meeting of the Advisory Committee on the National Policy on the expatriation of Human Remains and Heritage Objects was held on 10 May, where the Committee resolved that:

The workshop took place on 04-05 August 2022 at Freedom Park to determine the most impactful but less costly repatriation model and implementation plan. Subsequent to the August workshop, the Advisory Committee took in the Consultative National Workshop for Military Veterans to present the proposed model and implementation plan to garner support and solicit buy-in from Military Veterans on 02 December 2022.

(b) The Advisory Committee will only be remunerated for the meetings attended in implementing the objectives of the National Policy on Repatriation and Restitution of Human Remains and Heritage Objects. The remuneration will be in line with the National Treasury regulation gazette; on remunerations of committees.

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