**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**FOR ORAL REPLY**

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**“Mrs H Denner (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

1. With reference to the name change process of Port Elizabeth, King William’s Town, Uitenhage and MaClear in the Eastern Cape, what is the total projected cost on (a) national, (b) provincial and (c) municipal level to implement the name changes to (i) Gqeberha, (ii) Qonce, (iii) Kariega and (iv) Nqanqarhu respectively;
2. whether provision has been made for the specified name changes in the respective budgets on the three levels of government; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
3. whether any impact study was conducted on the cost of the name changes for local businesses; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW757E**

**REPLY**

(a). No cost is projected at the national level to implement the name changes to (i) Gqeberha (ii) Qonce, (iii) Kariega and (iv) Nqanqarhu, respectively. The Department has a national programme to transform South Africa’s heritage landscape through the transformation of colonial and apartheid symbolism reflected in statues, monuments and place names all over South Africa.

 The cost of this national programme is budgeted for within the departmental allocations from the national fiscus. There are no extra funds allocated to any sphere of government to fund these name changes specifically.

(b). The provincial government in the Eastern Cape funds the programme of the transformation of its naming landscape from its share of the provincial treasury allocations, including implementing the name changes to (i) Gqeberha (ii)Qonce, (iii) Kariega and (iv) Nqanqarhu, respectively.

(c) Municipal authorities responsible for implementing the name changes to (i) Gqeberha (ii) Qonce, (iii) Kariega and (iv) Nqanqarhu, respectively will fund activities relating to the changed names from their existing budget allocations.