**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 650-2021**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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“**Mrs V van Dyk (DA): to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture”**

1. (a). How long has the Bertram House been closed, (b) what are the reasons for the closure and (c) on what date will it reopen;
2. on what date will the marks on the Koopmans De Wet House indicating water leaks since October 2020 be attended to;
3. whether there has been proper inspection to see if there are indeed leaks; if not, why not; if so, (a) who conducted the inspection and (b) on what date? **NW768E**

**REPLY:**

 (1).(a). Iziko Bertram House (IBH) has been closed since August 2015.

 (b). The closure was as a result of a health and safety hazard, where part of a ceiling dislodged making it unsafe for the public and staff.

 (c). It is scheduled to reopen Iziko Bertram House in April 2021.

(2). The marks on the wall is as a result of a roof leak. In terms of the DPWI Guidelines for Day to Day Maintenance paragraph 5.2; repair work to roofs and waterproofing must be attended to by the DPWI. The DPWI conducted inspections and scheduled a Contractor for week of 15 March 2021 to attend to the leak.

(3)(a). An inspection was conducted by Architects with heritage expertise.

 (b). On 7 and 21 October 2020 the Iziko Security Health and Safety Officer conducted the inspection and the Architects conducted inspections on 12 and 13 November 2020.