**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**FRIDAY, 17 MARCH 2023**

**DUE DATE: 31 MARCH**

**862. Mr A M Khoza (EFF) to ask the President of the Republic:**

(1) What were the reasons for declining the request for a special funeral for Kiernan ‘AKA’ Forbes;

(2) whether there is a precedent in recent history when the Government declined such a request; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) who was the artist and (b) what were the reasons?

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**REPLY**

The granting of honours is at the discretion of the President.

There have been requests for special funerals in the past that have been declined. However, out of respect for the families involved, it would be inappropriate for the Presidency to divulge the names of individuals on whose behalf official funerals were requested and declined.