**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION No. 868 -2019**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr W F Faber (DA) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:**

1. Whether; there was a dispute between the former Department of Sport and Recreation and the Department of Basic Education regarding the delivery methodology of the National School Sport Championships; if so (a) why and (b) what are the relevant details;
(2)  whether the dispute has been resolved; if so, how?

**REPLY**

1. There was no dispute.

(a) There was a difference of approach to the National school Sport Championship.

(b) Sport and Recreation is focused on the long-term development of the athlete to align the age group and the talent development with the International school Sport Competition (Gymnasiade). The Department of Basic Education and provincial Departments of Education preferred the 3 seasons championships National School Sports Championships.

2. Both Departments continue to deliver the 3 seasons National Championships.