

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION 801 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER 8-2010: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: DR A LOTRIET (DA): MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTING MUSEUM CURATORS

“801. Dr A Lotriet (DA to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

- (1) Whether her department has any minimum requirements for appointing museum curators; if not, why not, if so, what are the minimum requirements;

- (2) whether she had found a consistent application of the minimum requirements of museum curators; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the relevant details, and (b) what are the findings based on?

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REPLY:

- (1) No, the department does not have minimum requirements for the appointment of curators by the management of museums, however, museums are guided by the standards that are set out by the International

Council of Museums (ICOM) to draft their own requirements as per size of their collections and the needs of the institutions.

- (2)** Yes, there is consistency when museums appoint curators as all museums are guided by the ethics that are set out by the ICOM.