

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION NO 1095

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Dr P W. A Mulder (FFPlus) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

1. Whether she has appointed a new chief executive officer to the Pan South African Language Board: if not, (a) why not, and (b) when is she planning to make the appointment?

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REPLY:

1. No. As the Minister of Arts and Culture, I am not the executive authority of this constitutional body in terms of its founding legislation and therefore I cannot appoint or dismiss its CEO.
2. The appointment and dismissal of the CEO of PanSALB is the prerogative of its Board, which in terms of the PanSALB Act is the executive authority.
3. I am aware that the CEO of PanSALB, Mrs Ntombenhle Rosemary Nkosi, was placed on precautionary suspension and is facing a disciplinary hearing by the PanSALB Board. Mrs Nkosi challenged the disciplinary process in court and the date has been set down for 8 November 2010.
4. It should be noted that this matter is sub-judice and as such very sensitive. Once finalized, the PanSALB Board will inform me of the outcome and in turn I will inform the National Assembly.