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QUESTION NO 1334

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Dr A Lotriet (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

- (1) Whether the Telephone Interpreting Service of South Africa (TISSA) is still operational; if not, (a) why not and (b) what was the total cost of the TISSA project; if so, (i) who is managing the service, (ii) at which location is the service available and (iii) what is the operational cost of the service?**

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REPLY:

- 1 (a) No. The Telephone Interpreting Service of South Africa (TISSA) is not operational. The project was rolled back following the results of a forensic audit namely, non-delivery on account of missed milestones and deadlines; fraudulent activities, poor financial management, reporting and under-utilisation of TISSA by stakeholders.
- (b) The total cost of the project cannot be determined as the matter is still in court. When a resolution is reached, the Department will be in a position to determine its total cost