



# arts and culture

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### FOR ORAL REPLY

### QUESTION 191

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

- 1. Whether the cultural centres of excellence as announced in her budget speech in 2009 have been established; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many have been established, (b) when have they been established, (c) where have they been established and (d) what are the budgetary implications of the establishment of these centres?**
- 2. whether she has received any reports from these centres on their activities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?**

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### **REPLY:**

(1)The Community Art Centres of Excellence have not been established due to budget constraints in the previous financial year, and also due a special focus on the 2010 World Cup. However, during the course of 2009, the Department and the National Task team of Community Art Centres developed a draft implementation strategy for Centres of Excellence. The draft implementation plan will assist

decision makers at all levels to have a full understanding and assurance that what has been planned will be effectively and successfully delivered. It will also assist in minimizing the risks and the challenges linked to the implementation of this programme. The Centres of Excellence programme is quite an expensive initiative and failure to plan properly may lead to unnecessary failures. The Department is finalizing the implementation strategy which will then be discussed with Provinces, Municipality, MAPP- Seta and other key stakeholders.