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“Mr. P Ntshiquela (Cope) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture”

Whether her department has taken any additional measures, after receiving a financially unqualified opinion for the 2009-2010 financial year, to achieve a clean audit for the 2010-2011 financial year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

The Department of Arts and Culture developed two policies (Framework for Managing Programme Performance Information and Monitoring and Evaluation Framework) in alignment with the Government-Wide Monitoring and Evaluation Frameworks. These policies assist to measure and understand the performance within the department which comprises strategic planning, performance budget and implementation and in-year reporting/monitoring.

Structures such as task teams and committees have been established within the department to monitor the internal controls and strategically minimize significant audit queries on a continuous basis.

1. The DAC Policy Task Team

- This task team ensures that the DAC has and maintain policies to ensure compliance to the PFMA and Treasury Regulations.

2. Management Committee

- Management Committee is mainly responsible to ensure that there is a mechanism that continuously monitors and report the progress made on audit queries, whereby managers are expected to report on measures taken to clear the previously reported audit queries.
- Key outputs for the MANCO are risks areas of the DAC (such as Assets, Expenditure trends by programmes, exception reports) and previously reported audit queries by both internal and external auditors. Management ensures that such risks areas are mitigated.
- Financial reports are matched to the Trial Balance and notes are disclosed on a monthly basis to ensure that there will be no surprises and inconsistencies at the end of the financial year.

3. Risk Committee

- Risk Committee has been established to maintain effective, efficient and transparent systems of financial and risk management and internal controls as required by section 39 of the PFMA
- A fraud Prevention Plan and risk Assessment were performed during 2010/11 financial year. The implementation of Enterprise Risk Management system has identified operational and strategic risks. The Risk Committee ensures that risks are managed within acceptable risk appetite in order to improve overall performance of the DAC, resulting in a clean audit.

4. Asset Disposal Committee

- Asset Disposal Committee to ensure amongst other things that asset register is complete and accurate.

5. Monitoring and Evaluation Steering Committee

- The monitoring and evaluation Committee is responsible for the implementation of the Monitoring and evaluation System to ensure that the monthly and Quarterly Reports are accurate and submitted on time as required by the Treasury Regulations.