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QUESTION NO 242

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

(1) Whether a forensic investigation has been instituted into missing funds earmarked for arts and culture projects related to the 2010 FIFA World ; if not , why not: if so, what are the relevant details?

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RESPONSE

Yes the DAC commissioned Price Waterhouse Coopers to institute a forensic investigation into the expenditure incurred by the 2010 Soccer World Cup projects in respect of the 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 financial years.

The final report was received by the DAC on 8 February 2010. The report recommended that corrective measures be taken against the then 2010 Project manager for failure to monitor and take the necessary steps to ensure the projects were delivered, thus failing to account for the funds utilized.

At the time the report was received, the official concerned was already on precautionary suspension following the recommendations of another forensic report.

The official concerned has been charged and the disciplinary process is underway. The DAC will put additional charges to the official concerned following the recommendations of this PWC report.

As the disciplinary process is already underway, the matter is sub judice and the details of the report or the charges cannot be placed in the public domain to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of the disciplinary process and to avoid violation of the accused official's legal rights.

The law must be allowed to take its course.