

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION 582 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER 6-2010: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: MRS D VAN DER WALT (DA): APPOINTMENT OF RIM COUNCIL ACCORDING WITH SECTION 5 OF CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS ACT

“582. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

- (1) whether members of the Robben Island Council were appointed in accordance with Section 5 of the Cultural Institutions Act, Act 119 of 1998, with regard to the principles of transparency and representivity and with a view to geographic representivity; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she will withdraw her appointment of certain member of Parliament (name furnished) as deputy chairperson in view of the provisions of section 7 of the Act; if not; why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) with reference to her reply to question 113 on 12 June 2009, what are the relevant fields of expertise of each of the members appointed to the Council?

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REPLY:

- (1) The newly appointed council for the Robben Island Museum was appointed in terms of section 5 of the Cultural Institutions Act, 1998, (No. 119 of 1998)

The criteria which were used to appoint the Council are the same as the normal criteria for the appointment of councils. These are:

- Council must consist of at least seven members
- At least one member of the council must have financial expertise

- Other criteria:
 - Broad understanding of heritage
 - Broad managerial and financial expertise
 - Legal knowledge
 - Knowledge of marketing and liaison
 - Fund-raising
 - Education
 - Cultural/social research
- (2) No. The Cultural Institutions Act does not prescribe that Members of Parliament should not be nominated as council members. Furthermore, the Deputy Chairperson's experience as one of the co-directors at Robben Island Museum will be vital in the management of the Museum.
- (3) The fields of expertise of the newly appointed members of the Robben Island Museum Council are explained hereunder:

Ms. T Modise

Ms Modise is the Deputy Secretary General of the African National Congress and she is also the former speaker of the North West Legislature. She is also the former Deputy President of the African National Congress Women's League. She has a B.Com Degree and a Special Leadership Course from the University of Jordan, USA. She is also the former member of the Robben Island Museum Council. The Minister appointed Ms. Modise as the Chairperson of the Council.

Mr B Martins

Mr Martins was once appointed as co-director of the RIM. The Panel noted that Mr Martins is familiar with the challenges that the museum is faced with. Mr Martins is a Member of Parliament. The Panel recommended that Mr Martins be appointed to be the Deputy Chairperson of the council.

Ms L Callinicos

Ms Callinicos is an eminent historian with broad and comprehensive heritage knowledge who would contribute to ensuring that the historically layered heritage of RIM is represented and that preservation of the complete RIM story is ensured. Ms Callinicos has contributed immensely in conceptualizing the post 1994 legacy projects.

Mr L Mpahlwa

Mr Mpahlwa is a well known conservation architect who will assist the conservation architecture at RIM. The RIM Built Environment needs to be given serious attention. He completed his National Architectural Diploma in 1986 while serving a five year term in Robben Island Prison, before going on to complete a Masters Degree in Architecture at the Technical University of Berlin in 1997.

Ms R. Abdullah

Ms Rashida Abdullah is a councilor at the City of Cape Town, her experience in the management of the Cape Town Municipality would add value to the management of Robben Island. She was also a member of Human Resources Portfolio Committee which would assist Robben Island in dealing with its Human Resources issues. She is a human rights and gender activist and a respected community member with experience in rural development and a liberation struggle veteran.

Dr Rev. M S Mogoba

Dr Mogoba spent 4 years in Robben Island Prison and was its first Librarian. He has conducted various leadership courses at the Island under the theme of "Short Walk to Freedom". He is the former president of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC). Dr Mogoba is also a former Member of Parliament.

Mr O B Nqubelani

Mr Nqubelani is an Ex political prisoner, and was one of the first mayors appointed in 1994. The Panel noted that RIM needs people who are experienced in governance and in management. He was recommended by based on his experience in governance and strategic leadership qualities.

Dr N Motete

Dr Motete is a Deputy Director-General for Heritage, Greening Mpumalanga and Tourism at the Office of the Premier, Mpumalanga Provincial Government. She brings senior level managerial experience, heritage, tourism and environmental expertise.

Mr M Dada

Mr Dada is a chartered accountant by profession and has both managerial and financial experience especially within the public service. He brings both financial management and governance expertise. Mr Dada is a member of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Ms M O Morata

Ms Morata is a corporate attorney. Her focus is on law of contracts. The Panel acknowledged that RIM has complex legal contractual obligations and therefore needs extensive legal guidance.

Mr M S Gwavu

Mr Gwavu has experience in human resource management and in the built environment. His appointment may help RIM in conserving and preserving the Built Environment of the site which is very critical to its existence. The Panel acknowledged the importance of capital works projects and noted the importance of an agreement between DPW and RIM. Mr Gwavu could also assist in the human resource area in RIM.

Mr M M Gasela

Mr Gasela is a Chief Financial Officer at the Office of the Premier in the Northern Cape Province. He is a member of the South African Institute of Internal Auditors. He was recommended due to his financial (auditing) expertise especially in the public service.

Ms G M Masuku

Ms Masuku is a widely recognized Indigenous Knowledge (IKS) expert, environmentalist, organic intellectual and community worker. She has extensive knowledge on IKS related matters. Her experience as Chief Liaison Officer charged with arts and culture will benefit the RIM with both its cultural and biodiversity matters as well as stakeholder management.

Mr P Nefolovhodwe

Mr Nefolovhodwe was recommended due to his very competent and strategic leadership abilities, governance and financial experience. Mr Nefolovhodwe is a former member of the Parliament and trade unionist. He was recommended for his strategic leadership and experience in governance.