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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 75

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

- (1) Why, with reference to her reply on written question 113 on 20 July 2009, have the new board members of Robben Island Museum not been appointed by the end of July 2009?**
- (2) (a) How much time is spent by the interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO),(name furnished) in running the (i) Robben Island Museum, and (ii) Iziko Museum and (b) how is the said person’s priorities determined with regard to the duties pertaining to the Robben Island Museum and the Iziko Museums;**
- (3) Whether the said person is receiving a salary for both positions; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details...?”**

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REPLY:

- (1) The Selection Panel that was appointed to make recommendations from the nominations received, only met on 29 October 2009. The names of the shortlisted candidates were then forwarded to the Minister for appointment.
- (2) Professor Bredekamp spends (a) 70% of his time at the Robben Island Museum and (b) 30% of his time at the Iziko Museum. The initial split of time of 50% at each museum proved unworkable as a result of the extent of responsibilities at the RIM. The split of 70/30 was implemented for the past three months.
- (3) Professor Bredekamp is not remunerated directly, although the Iziko Council is compensated and assisted with the alternative arrangements due to the partial loss of Prof Bredekamp's services. The exact amount of this compensation is changing and is being determined in accordance with the increase in time Prof Bredekamp is spending at the Robben Island Museum.