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QUESTION 79

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Mrs D Van Der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

- (1) Whether her Department has any policy regarding the provision of assistance and/or support for festivities and related events for late Artist; if not, why not; if so?
- (2) Whether her Department had any involvement in the festivities or related functions in honor of the late Miriam Makeba; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?
- (3) Whether she intends introducing changes to her Department's policy in this regarded in the future; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1). Yes, the department has a programme of recognizing legends and icons in the arts and culture sector through tributes.
- (2) Yes, but the Department had to pull out of the partnership and is planning to do a function in the next financial year subject to availability of funds.
- (3) Yes, to develop a formal policy to address the needs of South African Performing Arts Sector.