

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**QUESTION NO 1655-2012****WRITTEN REPLY**

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"Mr. N.J. van der Berg (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

With reference to the planned Social Cohesion Summit by his department which will be held in Gauteng on 13-15 July 2012 (a) what (i) is the complete budget breakdown for the event; (ii) are all the details leading up to the preparation of the event; (iii) are the intended outcomes; and (b) how will this event facilitate community participation?

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REPLY:

(a)(i) The total budget for the summit amounts to R6,070 million, to cater for broad categories such as research work, report writing, transcribing, transport and accommodation of delegates as well as meals.

(ii) The results of the Nation in the Making document, placed firmly social cohesion to be on top of the government agenda. The Department of Arts and Culture was mandated to lead in the sphere. An implementation vision framework that focused on two pillars, namely, dialogue and community mobilization was approved.

In realizing the above, the Department then convened a social cohesion colloquium in 2009 which recommended that a draft strategy on social cohesion be developed as well as convening a national summit on social cohesion.

As a build up to the summit in 2011, the Department convened community conversations in all the nine provinces with the following objectives;

- How to harness our culture and racial diversity for greater social cohesion
- How to collectively promote such positive values as human solidarity, self –reliance, human dignity and respect;
- How to reconcile the many socio-cultural divides that continue to retard progress in the social cohesion project;
- To create a platform for all sectors of South African society to engage in a national dialogue to discuss social cohesion;
- To get consensus on the type of socially inclusive South Africa that its citizens desire to build;
- Provide a platform for catalytic role to promote and strengthen social capital and Public Participation as well as resilience

The Department engaged the service of Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection, (MISTRA) to assist with the development of a draft social cohesion strategy. The draft strategy has been developed and undergone stakeholder consultation through the roll out of community conversations in all the nine provinces for grassroots inputs.

The draft document was presented to the Social Sector Cluster and the Governance and Administration Cluster. The draft document was approved by Cabinet on July 13.

(iii) The intended outcomes of the summit.

- A comprehensive report of the recommendations of the National Summit will be prepared by the Department of Arts and Culture and an action plan developed for their implementation.
- A widely supported **Program of Action** for continuous community mobilisation and implementation schedule of social cohesion activities
 - Establishment of a national social cohesion "Think Tank" and Advisory body.
 - A **National Implementation & Co-ordination Committee** comprising representatives of stakeholders at the summit will be established to co-ordinate the implementation of resolutions of the Summit.
 - A **Provincial and Local Government Implementation co-coordinating committee** which will ensure that resolutions of the Summit find implementation

at local government and provincial levels will also be established as part of the discussions of the 'way forward.

- **A schedule of key activities** and dates for inter-committee meetings will be agreed upon
- A social compact in the form of the summit declaration

(b) Community participation is the key element of the summit starting from the build up through the community conversations and contributing to the draft social cohesion strategy. The Department has ensured that during the conversations inclusivity is encouraged through the participation of all key community groups and to include among other, Youth, Women, People with Disabilities, the Elderly and marginalized groupings. The Department is making sure that all these groupings from all the provinces are represented at the summit to ensure that their voice is heard. There will be on-going, post summit feedback and review on community programme implementation.

BUDGET CONTROL SHEET: SOCIAL COHESION SUMMIT

NAME OF THE PROJECT: National Social Cohesion Summit			
TOTAL BUDGET	BUDGETED AMOUNT	ACTUAL SPENDING	VARIANCE
Total budgeted amount for the summit	6,070,000.00	-	6,070,000.00

SPENDING

Accommodation / Transport	Quantity	Budgeted amount	Actual spending
		1,650,000.00	-
Accommodation 500 @ 1000pn	2 nights	1,000,000.00	
Flights (speakers & facilitators)	30	200,000.00	
VIP Cars			
Buses		400,000.00	
Shuttles (Speakers and Facilitators)	30	50,000.00	

Catering	Quantity	Budgeted amount	Actual Spending
		1,650,000.00	-
Conference package 2 days	1000	1,000,000.00	
Beverages for lunch	1000	100,000.00	
Beverages for dinner	1000	120,000.00	
Surcharge		30,000.00	
Banquet	1000	400,000.00	

Marketing and PR	Quantity	Budgeted amount	Actual Spending
		1,200,000.00	-
TV & Radio Adverts		1,200,000.00	
Newspaper Adverts			
Banners			
Printing and Design			
Exhibitions (Government)			
Graphic Designer			
Signage and branding			
Photography and video			
Invitation design & printing			

Cultural & Social Programme	Quantity	Budgeted amount	Actual Spending
		80,000.00	-
Cultural programme for dinner		80,000.00	

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Logistics for conference	Quantity	Budgeted amount	Actual Spending
		560,000.00	-
Stage and lighting		50,000.00	
PA and Sound System			
Reporters			
Stationery / accreditation tags	1000	20,000.00	
Conference vanne		120,000.00	
Printing costs		120,000.00	
Private Security		150,000.00	
SAPS		100,000.00	

Research	Quantity	Budgeted amount	Actual Spending
		930,000.00	-
Transcriptions		50,000.00	
Digital recording and CDs		30,000.00	
Research and Reporters		100,000.00	
Interpretation, Facilities and Facilitators		250,000.00	
		100,000.00	
Professional fees (Events company)		400,000.00	