

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### QUESTION NO. 1000-2011

### FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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**“Mr P Ntshiqela (Cope) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:**

Whether his Department has achieved complete success during the period 1 June 2009 to 31 December 2011 in obtaining full and properly completed records from all organs of the state in order to fulfil its archiving obligation; if not why not; if so, what are the relevant details/

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### **REPLY**

The transfer of records to the National Archives and Records Services has only been allowed in exceptional circumstances due to an acute shortage of space. In terms of Section 11 (2) (c) of the Archives Act no. 43 of 1996 as amended, the National Archivist may defer the transfer of any public record.

The National Archives started in 2002 with a feasibility study to obtain adequate facilities for the National Archives. Due to shortage of funds the project was put on hold. The project is currently being resuscitated and a Public Private Partnership project is being drafted to acquire a new building for the National Archives and Record Services.

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### QUESTION NO. 2928-2012

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**Mr P Ntshiqela (Cope) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:**

With reference to his reply to question 1000 on 10 June 2011, what is the status of the National Archives and Records Service?

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### **Reply**

The National Archives and Records Service of South Africa has launched two projects to enable the institution to create more space to allow for the transfer of records from Governmental Bodies.

The premises vacated by the National Library at 239 Madiba Street, Pretoria, have been allocated for use by the National Archives. The Department of Arts and Culture in conjunction with the National Department of Public Works is in the process of renovating the buildings and partial site hand-over to a contractor took place on 09 October 2012. It is envisaged that the whole project will be completed by early 2015. The project is worth R104 436 954.00.

At the completion of the 2 projects about 15 000 linear metres of shelve space will have been created and this would allow the National Archives to accept the transfer of records from Governmental Bodies again.

The Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project was put on hold in order to allow the medium term objectives (the above mentioned projects) to be implemented with immediate effect.