

QUESTION 3097-2012

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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“Dr DT George (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture”

1. Whether his department is currently subscribed to *The New Age* (TNA) newspaper; if so, (a) how many subscriptions does his department have, (b) when was each subscriptions initiated, (c) what has been the annual subscription fee for each subscription since it was initiated and (d) what is the exact purpose of each subscription;
2. Whether a discount was negotiated for any of the specified subscriptions; if so, (a) for which specified subscriptions and (b) what discount in each case;
3. Whether his department has mass-purchased the TNA on an *ad hoc* bases since the inception of the newspaper; if so, (a) on what dates, (b) how many copies in each case and (c) why were the papers purchased in each case;
4. Whether (a) the publishers of the TNA and (b) any other entity donated copies of the paper to (i) his department and (ii) any entity reporting to him; if so, in each case, (aa) which entity donated the papers, (bb) to which entity were they donated and (cc) how many copies were donated?

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REPLY:

1. (a); (b); (c) and (d) No, the Department never subscribed to The New Age newspaper.
2. (a) and (b) There was no discount negotiated since there was never a subscription
3. The Department mass-purchased The New Age (TNA) in 2011/2012 financial year through the following agencies:
 - Ngwane Subscription
 - Evelyn Distributors

DATE (a)	NO OF COPIES (b)	REASON (c)
July 2011	40	The newspapers keep relevant managers informed of the current issues affecting their work and economic situation
August 2011	90	
September 2011	58	
October 2011	120	
December 2011	20	
April 2012	36	
September 2012	20	

4. (a) and (b) (i)(ii) No
 - (aa) None
 - (bb) None
 - (cc) None