

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**QUESTION No.3301-2012****FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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“Mr P.Ntshiqela (Cope) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture”

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 1423 on 3 October 2011, investigation by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) into the unauthorized expenditure amounts of R42 million have been finalized, if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

The investigations by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) into the unauthorized expenditure amounts of R42 million have been finalized.

The Auditor-General also advised the department to effect the recommendations of the SIU in the 2012/13 financial year. The department has adhered to the recommendations made by the SIU, that officials who were implicated to provide written explanations why disciplinary action should not be instituted against them.

The department has requested in writing that the unauthorized expenditure be condoned without funds because the funds were utilized for the purpose of the vote in another programme, what made it unauthorized was due to the fact that National Treasury's approval was not obtained. The register for unauthorized expenditure has been updated and the disclosure of the unauthorized expenditure will be amended upon approval of the condonation by the Parliament via National Treasury.