**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2365-2022**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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“**Mr D Joseph (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:”**

1. Whether the Cabinet decision to erect a monumental flag and the review of the project as he proposed will be referred back to Cabinet for discussion and final decision; if not, what is the process of the review; if so, what are the relevant details;
2. whether his department will initiate a public participation process, and/or alternatively provide suggestions on how the R22 million allocated for the monumental flag project will be spent as per the approved annual performance plan; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2787E

**REPLY:**

1. Cabinet’s decision to erect a monumental flag and the review of the project as proposed will be referred to Cabinet for further discussion and final decision; this is in the light of the fact that one of the key mandates of the department is to promote nation-building and social cohesion. National symbols, especially the national flag, expresses the country’s common identity, which is pivotal to building a common national identity and advancing unity.
2. The budget of R22 million that was allocated for the monumental flag project over two financial years is within the infrastructure unit of the Department. The Infrastructure Unit is responsible for implementing various infrastructure projects. There is therefore no need for a public participation process to guide the Infrastructure Unit of the Department on the re-allocation of funds to various projects.