

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION NO. 2130-2022

WRITTEN REPLY

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“Dr L A Schreiber (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

- (1). Whether his department is currently engaged in a process to remove Afrikaans from the Afrikaans Language Monument located in Paarl, Western Cape; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, on what legal basis is he relying to remove Afrikaans from the Afrikaans Language Monument, given the fact that the entire purpose of the monument is to celebrate the diverse influences from Africa and across the globe that shaped the indigenous African language;
- (2). whether the process means that his department has effectively banned the existence of any monument that celebrates any of the indigenous languages of the Republic or is it only the Afrikaans language that is prohibited from having such a monument; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the details of any public participation process around the proposal to remove Afrikaans from the Afrikaans Language Monument? **NW2538E**

REPLY

No such policy has been made by the Department or the Ministry to remove Afrikaans from the name of the Afrikaanse Taalmuseum en monument. So there will be no name change on the atm. We have charged our entities to ensure that as part of the language development, the entity should take on board at least one indigenous language.