**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1169-2022**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**“Inkosi B N Luthuli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(1). What is the current status of the 94 beneficiaries who did not receive the relief funding in relation to the Third Phase Relief Funding for the Creative Sector, of whom payments for 28 beneficiaries were rejected and that his department was unable to reach 66 beneficiaries in order to collect outstanding documentation;

(2). whether the funds will be re-allocated if it is not distributed; if not, why not; if so, what are the full relevant details? **NW1427E**

**REPLY**

1. A lists of beneficiaries whose payments were rejected by their banks and those who could not be reached were published on the Department’s website in December 2021; requesting them to contact the department to make necessary corrections. Only six (6) out of the twenty-eight (28) beneficiaries of the bank rejections came through and they were paid.

 Out of the sixty-six (66) beneficiaries who could not be reached, only eight (8) came forward and were paid.

1. The funds were not reallocated as they were meant for a specific purpose and limited to a specific financial year.